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MK DONS fans wore orange for Saturday's final match of the season to mark captain Dean Lewington's 501st game. See sport for more.

Charity hits out as girl's sex attacker avoids jail

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CHILDREN'S charity has slammed a judge's decision not to send a convicted paedophile to prison - saying it sends a 'poor message' and is 'disheartening for victims'.

Lorry driver Simon Merivale, 43, was spared jail despite sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl more than 10 years ago.

The sex offender touched the teen over her underwear on one occasion, saying: "It is normal to do this."

Merivale, of Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton, was convicted at Luton Crown Court on Friday of one charge of indecent assault committed some time between 2002 and 2004. He had no previous convictions.

But the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has hit out at the decision of Judge Laura Harris to only hand Merivale a six-month sentence suspended for two years.

Jon Brown, NSPCC lead on tackling sexual abuse, said: "A suspended sentence such as this sends a poor message to child sex offenders as well as being disheartening for victims of these horrific crimes.

"It is wholly inappropriate and is inconsistent with other sentencing for sexual offences against children.

"Sentencing should act as a strong deterrent and this sentence does not really help this aim."

During the hearing Anne Faul, defending, said Merivale did not accept he carried out the assault but accepted the jury's verdict.

"The offence took place for a couple of seconds. He is a torn man who is devastated by this," she said.

Sentencing him Judge Harris said the impact on the victim was 'significant' but she was able to suspend a jail sentence because he had no previous convictions and had not committed any other offences. Merivale was also ordered to carry out 200 hours' unpaid work, must register as a sex offender for seven years and is banned from contact with anyone under 16.

On the same day another sex offender from the city was sentenced. Rahat Sheikh, 53, of Edgecote, Great Holm, was jailed for two years and eight months for an attack on a 10-year-old girl.

He had been found guilty of two counts of sexual assault and was sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court on Friday having been arrested in September last year.

Detective Constable Mark Richardson, of Thames Valley Police's Child Abuse Investigation Unit, said: "Sheikh betrayed the trust of an innocent young girl and sexually assaulted her.

"Everyone involved in the prosecution is indebted to the victim's courage and determination for giving evidence in court against this person."

If you are a child and have been affected by abuse and need to talk in confidence, you can call the NSPCC ChildLine on 0800 1111. If you are an adult and worried about a child call the helpline on 0808 800 5000.

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Strictly star Flavia visits budding gymnasts

GYMNASTS at Bletchley Leisure Centre spent yesterday in the company of Strictly Come Dancing star Flavia Cacace.

Flavia visited the Arabian School of Gymnastics and met 12 gymnasts aged between eight and 21 years old who have created a group floor dance with gymnastic elements to music.

The group performed a four minute piece for her and took the opportunity to ask for her comments and advice.

Flavia is currently in the city starring in the production of Dance Til' Dawn at Milton Keynes Theatre - which runs until Saturday.

To read a review of the show visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

Four year prison term for man after mosque attack

A 30-YEAR-OLD man has been jailed for four years after he started a fire at the mosque in Manor Road, Bletchley.

Richard Bevington, of North Street, Bletchley, admitted arson with intent to danger life and a racially and religiously-aggravated public order offence at Aylesbury Crown Court. The attack happened on March 8 and officers were called to The Water Eaton Mosque shortly before 1am to a fire at the back of the building after a member of the public spotted Bevington.

The wall and door of the mosque was scorched by flames but no one was hurt. At the time of the attack the chairman of the Milton Keynes Equality Council Thillai Visvendran said: "It is important that all communities feel safe and can live, work, learn and enjoy without the fear of crime, discrimination or any type of inequality."

Council defends its use of zero hour contracts

BY JAMES AVERILL

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MILTON Keynes Council has defended its decision to advertise for - and employ - staff on zero hour contracts.

The terms of employment allow people to be hired without a guarantee of any work, and have been a highly controversial topic in recent years.

Such contracts have been slammed by protestors as exploitative and for masking unemployment but defenders have argued that it gives workers and their employees flexibility.

The authority is currently advertising zero hour contract positions for a recreational assistant and for swimming teachers at Woughton Leisure Centre.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "The contract does not require them to be exclusively available to the council to work on demand and allows the worker to refuse work when they choose to.

"Staff employed on zero hours contracts are generally small in number and fluctuate on a seasonal basis. These zero hours contracts are mutually beneficial both to those undertaking the work because of the flexibility it offers the staff and to the council because it enables the council to meet demand with a suitably skilled workforce in a cost effective way.

"The council agreed these arrangements with trades union representatives before they were introduced."

But Andrew Pakes, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, said the council should be 'leading the way' by cutting the use of the contracts altogether.

He said: "It is unacceptable that some people are being offered jobs without a single hour of guaranteed work.

"How can anyone, let alone parents, plan their weekly budget if they do not know even basic hours?"

But Liberal Democrat leader Cllr Douglas McCall added: "There are some circumstances where zero hour contracts work, if they are of benefit to the worker. Banning them completely is like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut."

Mum's anger as boy hurt in pool

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MOTHER was outraged by how staff 'abandoned' her bleeding son at Gulliver's Splash Zone.

Erica Bowen, from Oldbrook, watched her nine-year-old daughter Hannah and four-year-old son Charlie play in the Newlands water park run by Gulliver's Theme Parks during a visit in March.

The little boy had an accident as he came down one of the water slides and banged his face, dislodging a tooth. Mrs Bowen said there was a lot of blood.

The 33-year-old claimed that despite staff being on duty they did nothing as Charlie's big sister helped him out of the pool while he 'screamed the place down'.

Even when he was out of the water Mrs Bowen says no member of staff offered them any help - a claim which Gulliver's dispute.

A spokesman for Gulliver's Splashzone said: "Investigations into this particular incident on March 23 have been inconclusive owing to no person actually witnessing it and the offer of first aid being rejected."

Mrs Bowen argued: "Some staff looked into the changing room as I cleaned a lot of blood into the sink but they just walked away - not even bothered. They did not offer any first aid, or ask me to fill out any accident forms or even think to offer a refund, as we had to leave at the beginning of our session."

Following the incident, Mrs Bowen says she had to take Charlie to Milton Keynes Hospital for help to stop the bleeding.

Tooth removed: Mum Erica Bowen with four-year-old Charlie

The following day she says she had to take a day off work to get his tooth removed.

She added: "As a teacher myself, I know all the forms you have to fill out when an accident like that happens.

"I will never go there again.

"What will it be like if a more serious accident happens?"

The Gulliver's spokesman added: "We have spoken to Mrs Bowen twice on the telephone to thank her for her feedback and advise that we will deal with the matters raised internally.

"We take the health and safety of our guests extremely seriously and qualified first aiders are always present in Splash Zone and a fully equipped first aid room is located in the venue itself.

"We are always on hand to offer assistance.

"It should be clarified that our staff supervise the attraction as a whole, they are not lifeguards, and adults are expected to supervise their own children. This is clearly signed throughout the attraction.

"As the incident necessitated the premature departure of the family, we have of course offered Mrs Bowen and her family a return visit to either the Splash Zone or the theme park."

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SCHOOLS CASH

SCHOOLS could be entitled to a slice of a £4million pot if they help disadvantaged pupils. Eligible schools will be automatically entered for the Pupil Premium Awards.

HOUSE RE-NAMED

MIDSUMMER House has been re-named Margaret Powell House. It is to recognise the £4million which the Powell Foundation has donated to the MK Community Foundation.

That money has become £6m thanks to government match-funding which will help support frail and elderly people in the city.

FOOD COLLECTION

DONATIONS for MK Food Bank will be collected from Tesco Kingston on Saturday, May 17 from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, May 18 from 10am to 5pm.

Man, 75, denies bus 'exposure' charges

A 75-YEAR-OLD man has denied exposing his genitals to passengers on a bus.

Philip Milne, of Water Eaton Road, Bletchley, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court to plead not guilty to two charges of exposure at Coachway Road in Broughton on February 11 and March 19.

The Crown Prosecution Service told magistrates that Mr Milne had been 'masturbating'. The full trial will be heard on August 13 at the same court.

Until then Mr Milne has been granted bail on the condition he does travel on the X5 bus route.

Teenager fought off thief

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy fought off a man who attempted to steal his phone at a bus stop in Saxon Street last Monday.

At about 9.55pm the man in his late twenties asked the teen for the time. As the boy looked on his phone, the thief grabbed it.

He attempted to run away but the victim grabbed the man's jumper and wrapped an arm around his neck. They fell to the floor fighting and the victim retrieved his mobile. The offender ran away along the redway. He was black and wore white Addidas trainers.

If you saw anything contact PC Kamaldeep Chahal on 101.

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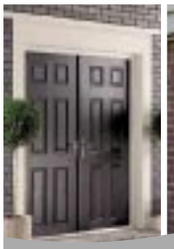

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Caught on camera

I HAVE lived in Greenleys for a few years now and I am dismayed with Wolverton Town Council in your main headline story (MK NEWS April 30 '*Patrols after teens targeted*') about attempted abductions.

Firstly I hope that the police soon catch this person or persons soon without anyone getting hurt. I also hope the young girls get over their dreadful ordeal.

I was however disgusted that the town council of Wolverton say that the CCTV that covered the car park where one of these events took place is no longer fit for purpose, but no mention of a replacement in the future.

They must have had some idea the CCTV was getting old and in need of repair or upgrade, so something could have been done.

CCTV is helpful to the police and is also a great deterrent, nothing is no good at all.

I have two teenage daughters, like many do in Greenleys, and this worries me.

I wonder would we get the same reaction from the council if something like this happens to their children. Who knows, this man might have been caught if the CCTV was 'fit for purpose', it could have provided that one vital bit of evidence the police needed.

Let's hope this man is caught soon.

Kate Smith
Sent via email

Full marks to Atheists

I'D just like to express my total support for the British Humanist Association's campaign of promoting atheism into MK secondary schools.

Prime Minister David Cameron is wrong to call the UK a 'Christian Country' - we are a secular country!

Although 49 per cent of people profess to be 'Christian', 25 per cent are Atheist, in addition to other multiple faiths. We are certainly not Christian.

All reliable opinion polls show that the young are rejecting religion.

Approximately one per cent, year-on-year, are turning to Atheism, which means that by the end of the century, this country will be entirely Atheist.

I hope that the BHA's handbook will introduce people to a positive way of viewing the world and can embrace the word of great Atheist thinkers and scientists - I mention Richard Dawkin, Christopher Hitchins, Albert Einstein, Arthur C Clarke and Stephen Hawking, to name but a few!

Great men, unencumbered by religion.

Full marks to the BHA.

David Carey
Sent via email

Remember your roots

IT is a timely declaration the Prime Minister made saying Britain is a Christian country.

Christianity is the founding belief of this country. And there is no way you can remove the foundation of a country.

Embracing different cultures into the country does not warrant the removal or shying away from what the foundation of the country is.

No Islamic country would allow schools in their country to receive books that instigate the next generation against their religion. So why allow this Atheist book?

It is very crucial that as a nation we know and follow who we are.

It is almost like taking your heart out and saying I refuse to breathe.

It is what it is and it ain't what it ain't. Britain is a Christian country.

And with no apologies to that schools must not entertain such irresponsible acts.

It is misleading the next generation to adopt what is irrelevant to their foundation. It is about time our children get educated about who they are. It's their heritage!

Ruach Gloria Parker-Dior
Sent via email

Let's have some vision

WELL done Jon Brett (MK NEWS April 23) for highlighting the nondescript and unsympathetic design of the proposed multi-storey car park next to John Lewis.

We seem to be plagued by developers in Milton Keynes whose only concern appears to be to build something basic so they can presumably save money regardless of how appalling the buildings look, or how they fail to complement the adjoining architecture.

One only has to look at the mishmash of new and old buildings on Avebury Boulevard and worse to come, all on a prestige position overlooking Campbell Park.

This situation has to stop or CMK will become a soulless ghetto that no one will want to visit let alone live in. So come on MK Council raise the bar, start setting higher standards for design.

I, and I am sure many other concerned citizens, will be watching what local councillors have to say about this subject as the upcoming local election looms on May 22.

David Chandler
Sent via email

Striking some discord

I JUST had an argument with my cleaner, a firefighter's wife, regarding the new strike action.

For the past couple of years I've made my feelings clear. First and foremost I'm totally against these civil servants (police, fire and teachers) using strike action to hold the country to ransom. Which is exactly what they are trying to do. Especially when you consider that the people who actually pay for them get nowhere near that amount in their own weekly pay packets and pensions.

I have never seen or known of any of the above professions voicing any type of support for the private sector or even nurses.

The fire service, police and teachers all know the rates of pay and the hours of duty before they join. None of them were asked to take on these duties. They chose it.

R E Lee
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■ *For more on the strikes, see page 16.*

A great response

MILTON Keynes Sea Cadets wish to express their gratitude to the people of Stony Stratford for their kind response to our recent street collection. We collected £125 which will go towards the purchase of a new kayak.

Michael Allen
Sent via email

Support gratitude

ON a permit granted by Milton Keynes Council, I made a street collection at Central Milton Keynes shopping centre on behalf of the Nyanyaano Development Project Committee on April 12.

I raised a total of £57.91.

No expenses are claimed. The total amount goes to the project committee to provide extensions of the pipeline to the groups of houses in the town to provide more toilets and to allow work to begin on the setting up of a secondary technical training school to teach the necessary skills required for the development and maintenance of the community's infrastructure.

I shall be grateful if you will allow me to use your paper to thank all those who made a donation in support of the project in Ghana, West Africa. Thank you.

D Buxton
Bradville

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

IT promised to be two nights of pure musical self-indulgence. Ear candy from the eighties. The Stables playing host to Phil Collins on the Friday and Billy Joel on the Saturday.

Not the real artistes, of course, but the next best thing at the fraction of the price. And judging by the sold out sign for both shows, it seems there's still a huge audience for the type of music now described as a "guilty pleasure" by those too ashamed to admit they love it.

Let's start with Elio Pace performing the Billy Joel Songbook. Not supposed to be a blatant copy of the Innocent Man star, but Elio was the closest to the real thing you are ever likely to see.

An accomplished pianist, superb vocalist and great entertainer with interesting anecdotes and quips between the incredible 37 hits performed. And what a backing band, recreating to perfection the songs we all love, and providing brilliant harmonies on hard-to-perform songs like The Longest Time.

Elio Pace has raised the standard and takes tribute shows to a new level which most people will find hard to follow.

Which brings me on to No Jacket Required, the top Phil Collins tribute act in the country celebrating an incredible 10 years preforming the Sussudio star's greatest hits.

However, this reviewer was not really feeling the Phil Collins vibe, with some lacklustre solos, particularly from the horn section, and some shocking backing vocals.

It's not easy singing Phil Collins songs, and I've murdered a few during karaoke in my time, but it didn't stop the crowd having a wiggle, and by the time the finale came, somehow the bald bloke pretending to be Phil had won the rest of the crowd over.

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Citizens' alliance want action

AN alliance of community organisations is set to address three issues with Milton Keynes Council at a public assembly on Monday.

Citizens:mk, which includes churches, mosques, schools and other communities, is asking the council to continue to support groups for vulnerable young people, in particular those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT).

It also wants the authority to encourage more companies to pay their employees the living wage to prevent the struggle for families and for councillors to address the plight of residents who depend on buses to get to and from work every day.

The group will be putting its proposal to the leaders of MK's main political parties at the City Church on Monday from 6.15pm to 7.45pm.

Citizens:mk is part of Citizens UK, a national charity.

Tributes paid to our dedicated first MP

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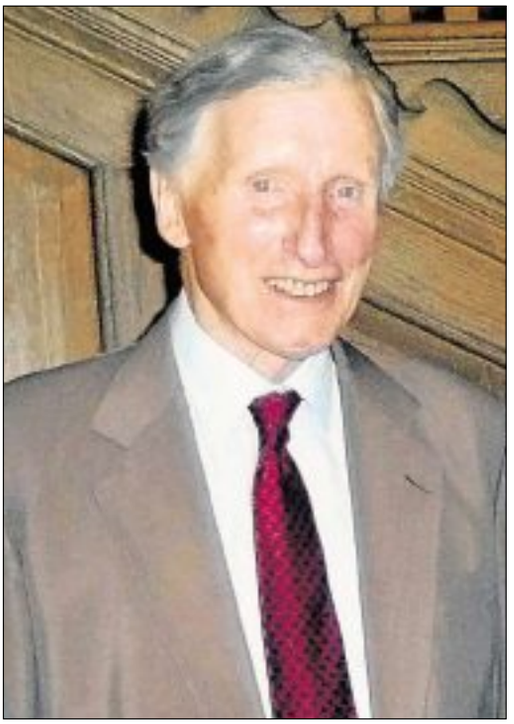

Belief: Sir William Benyon, known to many as Bill, died aged 84

THE first MP for Milton Keynes, Sir William Benyon, has passed away aged 84.

Sir Benyon, who liked to be called Bill, was the MP for Buckinghamshire from 1970 to 1983 before he shocked all, when despite the Conservative Party's rural reputation, he decided to take the first seat for Milton Keynes in 1983 to pioneer and commit to the town's development.

He held the post until 1992.

Mark Lancaster, current MP for Milton Keynes North, knew Bill well and is still friends with his son, MP for Newbury, Richard Benyon.

Mr Lancaster said: "Bill was always regarded as an absolute gentleman and treated everyone the same.

"He was an important pioneer for the new town and even his political opponents, including Robert Maxwell, saw Bill as a dedicated MP.

"I believe when he was MP here he had a house in Emberton with his family.

"It was only 18 months ago that I went to visit him and even then he would sit and ask me about Milton Keynes and what was happening.

"He showed an active interest in the town right until the end and saw the changes from the start."

Bill was owner of the Englefield Estate, which covers land in Berkshire and Hampshire, which he inherited in 1964.

A grandson of Lord Salisbury, Bill was a Conservative MP for 22 years and despite his general support, he did oppose some of the policies of the then Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. He also served in the Royal Navy and as an employee of Courtaulds Ltd.

MP for MK South, Iain Stewart, said: "Bill retired in 1992 after serving MK loyally for more than two decades. He truly believed in the potential of MK and worked hard to secure it.

"More than 20 years after he retired, I still meet residents who talk about him fondly and remember the exemplary care and compassion he showed. My thoughts are with his family."

Bill, who died on Friday, is survived by his wife Elizabeth, five children and 18 grandchildren.

His funeral will be held on May 15 at 2.30pm in Englefield.

Crackdown on fraudsters

TENANTS illegally sub-letting their homes are being targeted by Milton Keynes Council - in a bid to free up dozens of properties for families and residents.

A recent study from The Audit Commission 'Protecting the Public Purse' revealed there could be as many as 230 homes in the city being illegally sub-let or the subject of application fraud, enough homes to reduce the number of residents waiting for a home.

And the council is 'determined' to clamp down on the fraudsters, and have recovered 29 homes over the past three years - saving taxpayers £100,000.

In addition officers are currently pursuing 33 other cases of suspected housing fraud.

A council spokesman said: "We are working hard to tackle social housing fraud to make sure that housing is there for those who really need it."

It is encouraging residents to report cases of suspected social housing fraud via a hotline on 01908 254897.

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Get set: Team George line up at the start of Monday's Milton Keynes Marathon and Half Marathon

On their marks for marathon

THOUSANDS turned out to tackle the distance in Milton Keynes Marathon and Half Marathon on Monday.

They included more than 100 people who were running for Team George.

Because of the care they received at the neonatal unit at John Radcliffe Hospital, Kirsty and Jonathan Stansfield, from Oakridge Park, set up Team George, to raise money for the unit in memory of their late son.

Jonathan, 28, said: "Hundreds of people have helped us raise money. My little boy has left a legacy behind him and everyone's support has reminded us of the good in the world."

The charity has already beat its target of £10,000, raising more than £30,000 so far and will continue to join events.

To donate or find out more search Team George on www.mkweb.co.uk.

Three lose lives in car collisions

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THREE people died in two road crashes in two days.

A 26-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing death by careless driving after a man and a woman died in a three car crash in Millers Way near the junction of Hodge Lea Lane on Friday.

The man was the driver of one of the vehicles involved and is suspected to have been unfit to drive because of drink or drugs.

The fatal collision happened at around 9.45am and included a silver Vauxhall Vectra, silver Skoda Fabia and white Mitsubishi L200.

On Thursday, pedestrian Pamela Wilson, 67, from Two Mile Ash, had to be airlifted to hospital after been involved in a collision with a black Hyundai Getz on the V4 Watling Street at around 3.30pm.

She died shortly after.

The driver of the Hyundai, a 74-year-old Milton Keynes man, and a passenger in the vehicle were treated by paramedics for shock.

Although speed hasn't been blamed for the cause of these incidents calls have again been made to lower the limit on the city's grid roads.

Green Party member Alan Francis, the former transport consultant, said: "We need to reduce the speeds both on grid roads and in residential streets.

"You don't see a 70mph limit in anywhere else like Bedford town.

"Reducing speeds to 50mph for grid roads and 20mph for residential won't stop all accidents but there should be less fatalities."

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HISTORY FESTIVAL

MK Museum's History Festival takes place this weekend. Tickets cost £7.50 and a family ticket for up to four children is £22.

Angry biker kicks out at motor

A MOTORCYCLIST kicked a car after taking exception to a nearby driver.

The victim, a 31-year-old woman, was driving a black Kia hatchback in Drayton Road, Bletchley, at about 8.50am on April 23.

She moved her vehicle in front of a black and red KTM motorcycle but noticed the angry motorcyclist and pulled over to let him pass.

The motorcyclist then also pulled over, before getting off his bike, kicking the Kia and leaving the scene.

For more information on this incident please visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

MEP says city needs the EU

THE MEP for South East England, Catherine Bearder, visited Milton Keynes yesterday to talk about the city's need to remain in the EU.

The Liberal Democrat politician visited Lovat Fields and Kents Hill Nursing home after telling MK NEWS: "There are 15,000 jobs in Milton Keynes dependent on the link with the EU with more than 700 international companies and if we leave we would lose all those skills and expertise."

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Another Good Plug For Recycling

Following on from the success of our first electrical recycling day held last September, Milton Keynes Council is once again offering residents and businesses an opportunity to safely dispose of anything with a battery or a plug – and we'll recycle it for free!

If you've got any broken electrical items you'd like to get rid of, come along to a one-day recycling event being held at **The National Bowl (North Car Park) on Friday, 6 June, 8am to 3.30pm.** All types of business and household electronic waste will be accepted and staff will be on hand to help with unloading.

The event is being hosted by the European Recycling Platform (ERP), supported by Milton Keynes Council, as part of a drive to increase the amount of electronic waste that is recycled.

Last September, businesses, colleges, schools and residents in Milton Keynes collected a staggering 7.8 tonnes of e-waste for recycling and we hope to match this amount at our next event.

Electronic waste is still the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. The materials used to make electronic goods are valuable and can be used to make new products. Recycling protects the environment and stops e-waste going to landfill. Currently, UK recycling is estimated to save more than 18 million tonnes of CO_2 a year – the equivalent of taking 5 million cars off the road!

Andy Hudson, the council's Head of Environment and Waste, said: "The take up at our previous event was terrific and clearly demonstrates that if you make it very easy for people to recycle items such as old televisions, then they will respond.

"Residents can already recycle electronic waste free of charge at our three Community Recycling Centres, but this event will also help local businesses to recycle, especially smaller businesses that may not have regular collections of e-waste. I would encourage everyone to have a good clear-out and take full advantage of this day."

All electrical waste collected will be recycled and treated in the UK to recover the metals and plastics which they contain, and the recovered materials will be sent on to manufacturers and used to make new products.

Items we'll accept include computers, monitors, mobile phones, video players, games consoles, microwaves, dishwashers, fridges, ovens, battery operated toys, power tools, electric kettles, televisions, electric heaters, radios and MP3 players, and of course anything else with a plug or batteries.

Key Facts on E-Waste

- Electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the UK.
- Around 1.5 million tonnes of electronic goods were sold in 2012, over 23 kg per person.
- In 2012, about 505,000 tonnes of e-waste was collected and recycled, around 34% by weight of the EEE sold.
- The rest ended up in landfill or is still in people's homes.
- On average, each person in the UK recycled 8 kg of e-waste in 2012.

When: Friday, 6 June, 8am - 3.30pm
Where: The National Bowl, North Car Park
(NOT Main Entrance), off Chaffron Way (H7) MK5 8PA

To find out more about these free electronic recycling days visit **www.erp-recycling.co.uk**

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL

In blue: City MPs with Queen Eleanor Primary students

City painted blue for Leo's Appeal

THE MK NEWS team were joined by others on Wear it Blue Day on Friday.

The event was to raise money for our charity of the year - Milton Keynes Hospital's Leo's Appeal.

The cause is raising £200,000 for the children's ward which also joined in with the colourful fun along with the MPs, MK Dons, ID Medical and Queen Eleanor Primary School in Stony Stratford.

Missing swans prompt patrols

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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POLICE are appealing for information over the four swans that were killed and another 32 believed missing.

As MK NEWS previously reported, in the first two weeks of last month four swans were found beheaded by members of Beacon Angling at Mount Farm Lake.

Now police have confirmed that a further 32 swans are also missing from the water.

Bletchley Neighbourhood Policing team have responded by increasing patrols in the area.

The team have also been providing reassurance to members of the public as well as gathering information.

Steavan Cooper, fisheries officer and secretary of the Beacon Angling Club which operate on the land owned by Milton Keynes Council, said: "It is a bit extreme to say 32 are missing as swans fly away and they bully each other off the lake during mating season.

"I can assure that four were missing but we have had no evidence of attacks since.

"It is good that they are increasing patrols and people are more aware."

Investigating officer PC Ray Rolfe, of the Bletchley Neighbourhood team, said: "I would appeal to any person who has seen anyone or anything suspicious in the area to call police immediately via 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org."

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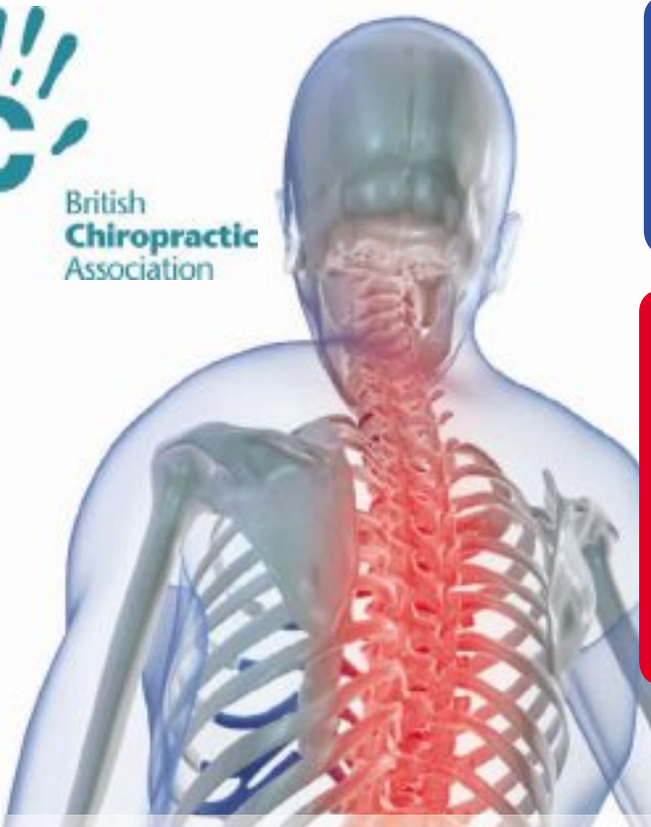

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Full support for new chief Carole

BY JAMES AVERILL
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CAROLE Mills has been appointed as the new chief executive of Milton Keynes Council.

Ms Mills is currently deputy chief executive and corporate director for resources at Nottingham City Council, where she has worked for six years - also holding the chief finance officer role.

She will take over the reins at Milton Keynes in the summer following the departure of David Hill.

On accepting the job, Carole said: "I am absolutely delighted to have been offered the post of chief executive.

"I am really looking forward to taking up the role in the near future and settling down in a new home within the borough.

"I give my absolute commitment to always do the best I can for the council, the area and the citizens we serve."

She was appointed at an extraordinary meeting of the council on Thursday evening.

In her new role she will take responsibility for the work of the council's paid staff who run the council on a day-to-day basis.

> I am really looking forward to taking up the role in the near future and settling down in a new home in the borough

And council leader Andrew Geary has backed her appointment - batting away claims in an article in the Nottingham Post that Ms Mills was involved in the failing of a £12million jobs fund in the city in March 2012.

And Nottingham City Council disputed the newspaper's report, saying that Ms Mills 'was not the authorised officer for this scheme and had no managerial responsibility for the areas involved'.

Cllr Geary told MK NEWS: "I have seen the article in the Nottingham Post, but I am still absolutely behind her appointment. It has not changed my mind in the slightest."

Ms Mills' appointment was also welcomed by Labour group leader Peter Marland - who said she had 'great qualities to take us forward in challenging times'.

And Liberal Democrat leader Douglas McCall believes Ms Mills 'has a depth of knowledge and experience' and will be 'a real asset to Milton Keynes'.

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Breakthrough pain relief for sciatica sufferers

By Sam Potter

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No 'mud slinging' for saved centre

Jumping for joy

NEW British long jump record holder and Olympic gold medallist Greg Rutherford is going to be a dad for the first time.

Greg, from Woburn Sands, and girlfriend Susie Verrill tweeted a picture of a scan announcing they were 'over the moon'.

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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DESPITE their community centre being saved a group of residents are still unhappy.

Creed Street Arts Centre and Theatre in Wolverton was recently purchased by Kings Church, a Christian charity based in the area, after it closed because of £40,000 debts.

The organisation run groups open to all beliefs and are renovating the neighbouring methodist church.

Last month Pastor Andy Forbes expressed his delight that they could buy the centre as a community hall for their own functions and to hire by any members or groups in the community.

But some residents have still been expressing their anger on social media and have questioned whether Kings Church will let homosexuals use the building or stop drama groups from putting on plays about suicide because of their Christian roots. One person asked if a cross will appear over the door.

In response, Mr Forbes said: "The idea that we would purchase the building has been very popular from start to finish, however I am aware of this small group that have tried to stir up things.

"I have seen what they have been saying on social media and think it is disgusting but I am not going to get into a mud slinging act.

"We have got a well done from Milton Keynes Council and MP Mark Lancaster, and as Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council's chairwoman Hilary Saunders suggested we will be ignoring the comments and just getting on with it.

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Firefighters unpaid after strike dispute

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE chief fire officer refused to pay Fire Brigade Union members (FBU) this weekend, even when they were not on strike.

Members, which include a number of firefighters across the city, took industrial action for the second time this year as part of a national dispute with the Government about changes to their pensions and retirement ages.

But chief fire officer Mark Jones hit out at the union's attempts to 'bully' neighbouring services into not honouring long-standing mutual assistance arrangements during times of peak demand.

He felt the FBU were trying to disrupt the safety arrangements in place during the strikes - therefore endangering members of the public.

Mr Jones said: "Public safety is our priority and, during the periods of strike action, we shall continue to support other services. It seems crazy for the FBU to suggest any other course of action."

On strike: FBU members in Broughton who are not getting paid

At Broughton Fire Station during Friday's walk-out, FBU members stressed their anger that not only do they feel they are being mistreated by the Government but now don't have the support of Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The members felt it was a 'spiteful act' for Mr Jones to refuse to pay them.

One said: "They think this will force people to go back to work but it has just made us feel bullied and oppressed. This was never a local issue but Mr Jones has made it one and it is likely to have caused an ongoing tension in the force."

Mr Jones added: "I am proud of my staff who make a fantastic contribution to public safety every day. I believe the FBU has got this wrong. It should not be trying to disrupt arrangements that have been put in place to protect our communities."

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BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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Destination Milton Keynes organised the initiative which also coincided with the launch of its new LoveMK Guide, produced with MKWeb, which showcases all the area's activities.

The community love continued on Saturday as people turned out to celebrate the annual Love Bletchley Day with various stalls and events.

Left: Milton Keynes Mayor Brian White shows his love for the city
Above: MKWeb and MK NEWS show off the new LoveMK magazine

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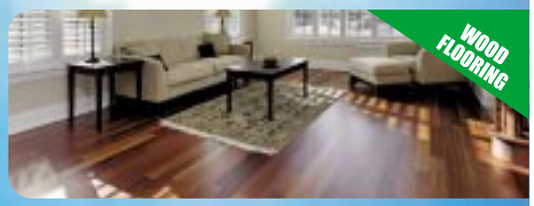

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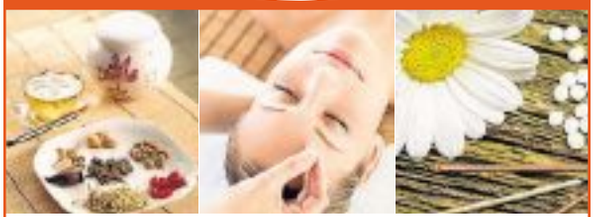

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In his recent Budget the Chancellor George Osborne announced a number of tax breaks for savers. These changes will come into effect on 6th April 2015 and are summarised as follows;

Starting Rate for Savings from 6th April 2015

From 6th April 2015 the starting rate of tax for savings income (such as bank or building society interest) will be reduced from 10% to nil, and the maximum amount of taxable savings income that can be eligible for this starting rate will be increased from £2,880 to £5,000.

One of the effects of this change, when combined with changes to the tax-free personal allowance, is that savers will not be liable for tax on any interest they receive if their total taxable income for 2015/16 is less than £15,500. This figure will be £15,660 for people born before 6th April 1938. It may also be higher for people entitled to the Married Couple's Allowance (for those born before 6th April 1935) and people entitled to the Blind Person's Allowance. In addition,

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a different figure may be relevant where married couples and civil partners transfer part of their personal allowance. Further details of how these will affect eligibility for the starting rate will be published nearer 6th April 2015, when this change comes into effect.

The eligibility rules for completing a form R85 will also change from 6th April 2015, to enable more savers to register to receive interest payments without tax deducted. Currently an R85 can be completed by a saver whose total taxable income for the tax year will be below their tax-free personal allowance. From 6th April 2015, a saver who is unlikely to be liable to tax on any of their savings income in the tax year can complete an R85 and register to receive interest without tax deducted – even if they pay tax on other (non-savings) income.

In practice, this means if a saver's total taxable income will be below the total of their tax-free personal allowance plus the £5,000 starting rate limit for savings, from 6th April 2015 they can register to have interest paid on their accounts without tax deducted, using form R85.

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Pledge: Cllr Geary launches manifesto with Kris Hopkins

'We'll build 200 council homes'

COUNCIL leader Andrew Geary helped launch the Conservative Party manifesto - with a pledge to build 200 new council houses in the next four years if elected.

He was joined by housing minister Kris Hopkins and several other Tory councillors at the launch at Waitrose in Oakgrove.

Cllr Geary said: "We have a good record over the last three years of delivering homes and that is because people want to live in the city."

Lions to roar again at revamped ground

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PITCH that was notorious for its bumpy surface in sporting circles will reopen - after an £8,000 project to flatten the ground.

After more than 90 years of humps and bumps, this Sunday will see the grand reopening of the Wavendon Recreation Ground.

It follows the major levelling and reseeding project carried out by Frosts Garden Centre, which was funded by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited), a not-for-profit business which awarded a £7,000 grant from the Landfill Communities Fund - as well as Woburn Lions Football Club, whose youth football teams have been playing at Wavendon for a number of years.

To celebrate moving back to the ground, Woburn Lions Football Club will formally change its name to Woburn and Wavendon FC, alongside the unveiling of a new badge logo and the opening of a World Cup theme tournament for Under 7s, 8s and 9s.

Beginning at 12.30pm, Matt Trendall, Vicar of St Mary's Church in Wavendon, will be performing a blessing, after which former Wavendon footballer Peter George is expected to plant a commemorative tree donated by Frosts Landscape Construction Ltd.

The club's chairman, Ian Doggett, said: "Like all successful organisations, our club has to be aware of changes around us and adapt accordingly."

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A battle of volume: Richard Baggs (left) is a director of Kiln Farm Club along with Simon O'Brien

Noise order disputed

BY JAMES AVERILL
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KILN Farm Club has said it will be contesting the decision to serve it with a noise abatement notice.

The club - home to the MK11 Music Venue - will be taking part in a preliminary hearing at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Friday to try to overturn the order which was served by Milton Keynes Council.

It arrived as a result of several complaints by nearby businesses about noise and litter.

And the neighbouring Ramgarhia Sabha Sikh Temple had also registered complaints that a religious function in early January had been disturbed by loud drum noise 'penetrating' the walls and that the noise had become 'intolerable'.

But a petition launched in March to save the club has garnered more than 3,500 signatures of support.

It is expected that members of the neighbouring Sikh temple will also be represented at the hearing.

Richard Baggs is one of the co-directors of Kiln Farm Club. He told MK NEWS that the club had been within one week of shutting down, just a few days after he believed the business was 'ready to explode'.

Richard said: "We have lost £15-20,000 as a result of this abatement notice which we are trying to overturn.

"We don't believe the council has followed standard procedure. There are other occasions where venues have had more negotiation and mediation before getting a notice."

The council confirmed it was aware of the hearing but made no further comment.

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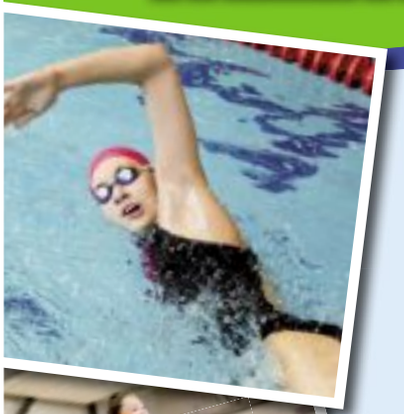

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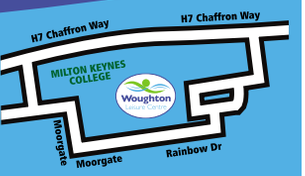

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Moving in: A Serco worker enjoys some cake at the event

Politicians welcome bookmaker powers

BY JAMES AVERILL
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What do you think? email editor@mk-news.co.uk

CITY politicians have welcomed a move which gives local councils the power to control the spread of betting shops in our high streets.

The news comes just a few weeks after concerns were raised about the number of bookmakers in Queensway, Bletchley - following the news that a new Paddy Power would be opening - the 11th such shop in the street.

Like banks and estate agents, betting shops currently do not need planning permission to open.

But this will be changed so that local authorities will have the ability to scrutinise proposals.

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South, welcomed the move, saying: "I know that the amount of betting shops that have been setting up on Queensway has been a big concern for residents and other businesses in Bletchley.

"This move will give the power for residents and local authorities to have a much bigger say."

His opponent for the Milton Keynes South seat, Labour parliamentary candidate Andrew Pakes, also welcomed the move.

He added: "These plans will be too late to stop the latest Paddy Power opening on Queensway but I hope their management will think again about this development or at least meet with residents."

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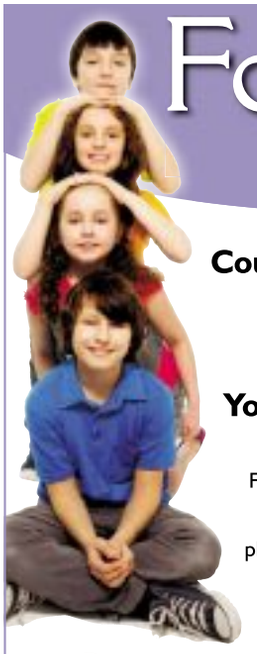

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The numbers associated with the concentration camps are well known but almost incomprehensible until put into a visual context like this for visitors to the site.

In the buildings behind the infamous sign that reads 'Arbeit Macht Frei', labour sets you free, huge quantities of items brought by prisoners into the camp, and then immediately taken away from them, are exhibited.

Thousands of tin pots, each at one point used by families for preparing and sharing food. Shoes, spectacles and leather suitcases with family names carefully inscribed, and prosthetic legs which belonged to those deemed of no use and who were sent straight to their deaths without a second thought.

Auschwitz is not an easy place to visit but every year the Holocaust Educational Trust takes hundreds of schoolchildren from the UK to the site to help ensure what happened there is never forgotten.

"I don't think anything could have really prepared me for what I saw and experienced there," said Year 12 Denbigh School student Katie Leigh-Lancaster, "The visit brought out a lot of emotion most of which manifested itself in tears when I arrived back home.

"Whilst in Poland I talked to a survivor of Auschwitz-Birkenau called Freddie Knoller who had some unbelievable experiences to share.

"Freddie said that his greatest fear was that today's generation would forget what happened so I think that it is important for students like myself to keep the history of the Holocaust alive."

Six schools from Milton Keynes, including Denbigh School in Shenley Church End, attended.

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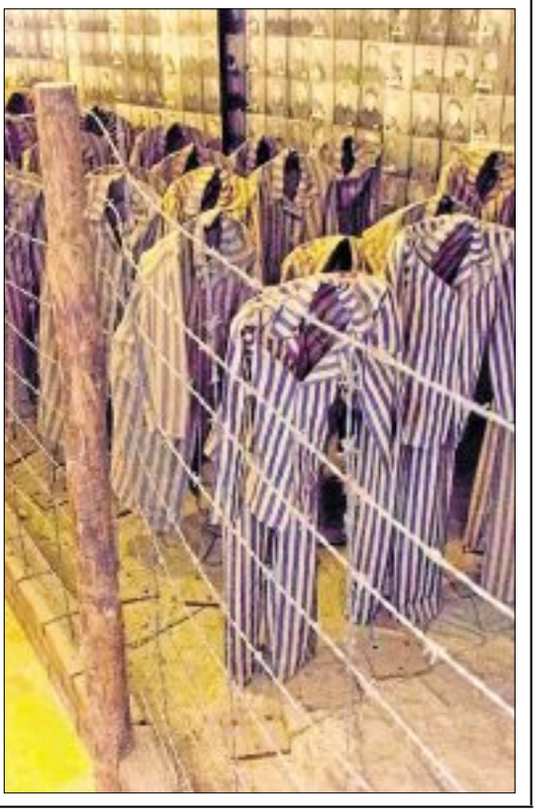

Saw, from Walton High School in Walnut Tree, took some A-level history and philosophy students who plan to use their experience as part of their coursework.

She said: "It gave the students the opportunity to see the scale of the Holocaust that they don't get from reading a textbook. They were completely taken back by the scale.

"The students are all using their experience in their coursework so the trip was really worthwhile."

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Digging in: Linda Dennis and Tom O'Callaghan, from Oakridge Allotment Association, are looking for some land as they want an allotment on the Oakridge Park site

Petition plants idea

BY SCOTT KIRK
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GREEN-fingered campaigners want to see an allotment built.

A 34-signature petition has been handed in to Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet for land to be allocated at Oakridge Park which is currently earmarked for a country park.

Resident Tom O'Callaghan was the man behind the petition and he wants to see an area set aside for gardeners to be able to plant fruits and vegetables.

He said: "Initial plans included an allotment but the latest provision doesn't.

"I think it's ridiculous that an area of 50 acres doesn't include an allotment."

Mr O'Callaghan has since set up an allotment association, which now includes 24 members, and the next step will be for them to approach their parish council.

Councillors at the Cabinet meeting said that the petition would be submitted to the project team for consideration along with other responses made regarding the Oakridge Park plan.

A revised masterplan is expected next month.

Andrew Geary, leader of Milton Keynes Council, said: "The project is reviewing responses and it will be revising the current masterplan.

"The petition for changing the plan should be submitted to the project team before the final masterplan is submitted in June."

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Subway scorned over halal move

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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Halal-only meat: The Subway store in Netherfield Local Centre

PEOPLE have threatened to boycott food franchise Subway after it announced it had made 185 stores halal meat only due to 'strong demand'.

The branch in Farthing Grove, Netherfield, has not served pork since 2009 and all other meat has been sourced, slaughtered and processed according to Islamic Law.

On an MKWeb poll, more than 4,000 people did not think changing some stores to halal-only was a good idea.

Some commented they would 'no longer use any of the stores' while another added it was 'discrimination against non-Muslims'.

More than 130 people said it was a good idea, adding that some of these branches are 'mainly in Muslim areas' and one advising 'just don't eat at these stores'.

After the move was reported last week Subway had removed its website search tool that enabled customers to find which stores were halal-only.

A press officer said this was in response to a number of threatening and offensive emails and social media posts which led to concerns about the safety of employees at these outlets.

Yesterday, the store reinstated the option.

Subway said the halal meat it uses is from animals that were stunned before being slaughtered and that there would be clear notices in the stores informing customers.

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Deaths

DICKER
Bill

Former Assistant Director (Engineering) of Milton Keynes Development Corporation, sadly passed away at Milton Keynes General Hospital on 30th April 2014, aged 75 years.

Treasured memories left behind for his wife Alison, daughter Claire, son Stephen, stepdaughter Viki, stepson Paul, brother Patrick, grandchildren Hannah, Sophie, Alex, Amber, Charlie and Drew and all of his family and friends.
The funeral service will take place in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, on Thursday 15th May 2014at 12.15pm where all will be welcome.
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Peter and Dee

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The funeral service will take place on Thursday 15th May at 2pm in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.

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Deaths

BROWN
Erica

Sadly passed away at her home on 15th April 2014, aged 87 years.
Loved and forever remembered by her Daughter Sheila and Partner Roy, Son Andrew, Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

The funeral service will take place on Friday 9th May 2014, 3.30pm, in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium where all will be welcome.

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WILLIAMS
Edith Rose

Sadly passed away at Castlemead Court Care Centre on 23rd April 2014, aged 80 years. Mother to Christine, Tony, David and the late Mark, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Edith will be fondly remembered by her family and friends.

The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 14th May 2014, 2.45pm in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium, where all will be welcome.

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Deaths

KENNETH ALBERT LANGFORD

Passed away peacefully in Derriford Hospital, Plymouth on 26th April, aged 84 years. Beloved husband to Margaret. Dad to Terry and Michelle. Granda to eight Grandchildren.

Funeral service will take place at Glynn Valley Crematorium, Bodmin, PL30 4AU on Monday 12th May at 1.30pm.

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FRANCIS
Terry

Passed away in Willen Hospice after a long and painful illness on 30th April 2014, aged 72 years. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Delcie, daughter Wendy, son-in-law Alistair and grandson Will, and all his family and friends.

The funeral service will take place on Wednesday 14th May 2014, 12.15pm in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.

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Deaths

HOWARD
Jean Margaret

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The funeral service will take place on Thursday 22nd May at 12.15pm in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.
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BAILEY
Brian Edward

of Newport Pagnell
Passed away at home on the 29th April 2014, aged 79. Brian was much loved and will be very sadly missed by all his family and friends.

The funeral service will take place on Monday 19th May 2014 at 11.00am in the Willow Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.

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Sheriff saddles up

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire will be getting on his bike for an eight day stretch in support of the work of two Community Foundations.

Joe Barclay will travel from the south to the north of the county, from Chesham to Chicheley, between May 12 to May 20 for the Milton Keynes and Buckinghamshire groups.

He said: "When I became High Sheriff I wanted to get to know the county better and realised this would also be a great way to raise money. I have been cycling around local lanes to prepare for the trip.

"I have raised nearly £15,000 so I would be disappointed if I didn't meet that, but hope to raise more."

On his way he will visit groups that community foundations have helped.

Sarah Bannister, marketing and campaigns manager at MK Community Foundation, said: "We are delighted that the High Sheriff is supporting MK Community Foundation, with the funds raised supporting voluntary and community groups across the city.

"His presence raises awareness of vital projects and the money donated enables us to continue connecting and growing our community."

All donations towards the ride will be matched by an initiative called Community First - funds the Community Foundations secured from the Government to encourage philanthropic giving. For every £2 donated at localgiving.com/charity/highsheriff-scharityride £1 will be added by the Government.

I want to ride my bicycle: High Sheriff Joe Barclay gears up for his challenge

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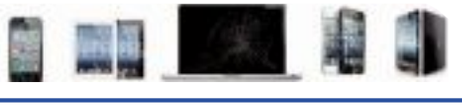

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MK BUSINESS

Here comes the bride - for her dress alteration

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A BUSINESS owner says she has seen a massive increase in the number of wedding dresses being altered in her shop.

Eimear Fitzgerald, who runs The ZipYard Milton Keynes, is seeing more and more brides-to-be coming to her garment alterations and repair centre in Midsummer Place Shopping Centre with that special gown for their big day.

Since the facility opened last year, trends in wedding dresses have changed.

Many have been bought from outlet shops or online from China, giving brides significant savings on boutique prices.

Eimear said: "A wedding dress should be the most special garment that a lady ever wears and most women spend a great deal of time and money finding their dream gown.

"There are lots of lovely dresses available in specialist discount wedding dress warehouses or online but the one drawback with buying a dress this way is that these retailers rarely include a tailoring service.

"Our customers know they can buy a dress that needs altering with confidence, safe in the knowledge that our professional on-site seamstresses have the skill to tailor the dress perfectly."

She added: "When you're working with a gown that costs hundreds of pounds, the fit has to be just right and any alterations have to match the quality of the dress.

"We've built up a reputation for top quality work and are often called upon by bridal boutiques and local fashion retailers to carry out alterations."

She also suggests embracing the upcycling trend by checking out charity stores.

Wedding bells: Eimear Fitzgerald from The Zipyard Milton Keynes measures up another dress

Employment boost after retailers invest

EMPLOYMENT levels have increased by 34 per cent between the last quarter of 2013 and the first quarter of 2014. That's according to the latest from Venn Group.

Major retail organisations such as Amazon, Coca-Cola, River Island and Tesco have all relocated their distribution hubs to the area over the past few years and this ongoing inward investment is continuing to drive contractor hiring.

Venn Group's director of operations in the region, Avtar Singh, said: "With the news that Waitrose is to open its first national distribution centre in MK next year, we expect demand to remain high."

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The professional team at Mercure Abbey Hill are passionate about providing the highest customer satisfaction to ensure all guests aspirations are met to the highest possible standard.

Mercure Abbey Hill also offers a 'Volcanic Hot Rock' dining experience in their Molten's restaurant. This unique concept involves a selection of meat, fish and vegetables being seared and served on volcanic rock which is heated to 460°C; all of which provides the perfect dining experience. Accommodating for those who are looking for a different environment to work or relax then the Molten's Lounge offers unlimited coffee and WIFI for just £5.00 between 10am-5pm.

Mr Manji, Owner of Mercure Milton Keynes Abbey Hill comments, *"We had a vision when we acquired the Hotel to be the best hotel in Milton Keynes and we are delighted that our team has not only helped this vision become reality but also resulted in the winning of this prestigious award. We are extremely proud to have accomplished what we set out to do"*

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MKBUSINESS

Getting serious on social media

TWO organisations have come together to educate and inform the business community about the serious side of social media.

Full service agency Interdirect and independent virtual law practice Novalex Solicitors, both based in MK, will work in partnership to explore the legal aspects of social media and explain the benefits it can offer businesses.

The seminar is on Friday, 11am-2pm, at The Swan in Salford.

Nicholas Mann, owner and managing director of Interdirect, said: "Social media is part of almost every business regardless of sector or size.

"We aim to educate and raise awareness of best practice management of social media."

To reserve a discounted price ticket of £15, instead of £45, visit seminars.interdirect.co.uk/novalex or call 0845 121 5566.

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce is also organising a networking event on May 14 from 5.30pm-7.30pm at MK Gallery.

Attendees will have the opportunity to give a 10 minute presentation before meeting one another.

Tickets range between £10-£15 for members and non-members.

Call the events team on 01908 547820.

MKBUSINESS BRIEFS

Tilly's new head of tax

BUSINESS advisory firm Tilly Baker has appointed Adam King as head of tax for its branch in Milton Keynes. He joined the office in 1999, and qualified as a chartered accountant and tax advisor.

Strong growth for firm

CARVAL Computing has increased turnover by 39 per cent and experienced positive staff growth of 35 per cent. The MK-based firm supplies human resources, payroll and time and attendance software.

Second unit for Walker

WALKER Greenbank has opened a second industrial unit in Kingston. The company, which designs and manufactures wall coverings and fabrics, has taken a 10-year lease at a 40,611 sq ft warehouse on Libra Industrial Estate.

Hannah's appy ending

A MILTON Keynes entrepreneur has bagged herself £40k and a place at a London Academy. Hannah Catmur, 24, will join Wayra this month. She will be developing her app, Get Out Explorers, which encourages kids to experience nature.

Agency go eco-friendly

EVENT agency Bi Worldwide has helped the environment by removing 120 desks from its office in Newport Pagnell. They are replaced with 20 biodegradable recycling points.

Good feedback wins

SMILELUX Specialist Orthodontic Centre in Knowlhill has won a Customer Service Award from WhatClinic.com based on feedback from patients over 12 months.

Bounce: Gary Knill (centre) with park manager Graham Barker and customer services manager Mandie Smith

Bouncy park is calling on neighbours

THE new Bounce GB indoor trampoline park is working with local companies to establish itself as the number one player in the city's leisure market.

The venue, due to open this month, has already created 60 jobs.

Bounce GB managing director, Gary Knill, said: "It's important to use local support services wherever possible, so we're talking to flooring companies and local furniture businesses in terms of the fit out. Everything possible is being sourced nearby."

Nurses recognised at UK healthcare awards

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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THE founder of a specialist neurological care provider has won the top award at a ceremony recognising excellence in the sector.

Jan Flawn, a nurse who set up PJ Care in Milton Keynes in 2000, was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Social Care prize at the Great British Care Awards in London.

Another PJ Care worker, Anna Lesniak, also picked up a prestigious prize, winning the Frontline Leader award.

The pair received their trophies at a gala dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel hosted by singer and former Loose Women presenter Jane McDonald on Saturday, April 26.

The judges praised both women and in particular Jan's 'compassion and commitment' in developing the two neurological care centres in Mallard House and Bluebirds.

Care: Jan received her award from solicitor and care sector legal expert, Paul Ridout, and TV presenter and singer Jane McDonald

The centres provide care and rehabilitation for people with a range of conditions including young onset dementia, motor neurone disease, Huntington's disease and stroke.

Jan said: "I'm a passionate clinician and I felt younger people deserved a better quality to the end of their life and needed more dignity and respect.

"That was what drove me."

The judges added: "Jan has instilled her values of care, compassion and commitment in the people she works with.

"Highly respected among her peers and colleagues, Jan has mentored countless nurses and medical specialists, many of whom are now in senior positions and successful in their own career path in the specialist neurological sector."

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MKBUSINESS

Gelato brothers scoop top titles

Ice day: Filippo and Carmelo Gristina

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A GELATO company based in thecentre:mk has bagged two business awards.

Giovanni's Downtown Gelato has had a successful month, winning a 'Best Mall Retail' award at the Opal Awards run by the British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC).

They also scooped 'Best Kiosk Display' at the 17th annual Visual Victory Awards, which are based in the USA.

The kiosk is run by Carmelo Gristina, 25, and his brother Filippo, 29. They moved to MK after spotting a niche market to sell gelato, which has 50-60 per cent less fat than standard ice cream.

Judges at the Opal Awards praised their kiosk for 'a bold and eyecatching design that clearly attracts attention'.

And judge Suzanne Cayley for the Visual Victory panel said the ice-cream truck had a great 'retro' design.

Carmelo told MK NEWS: "It's been a great first eight months here and we are delighted with this recognition as we were up against some big competition."

Owner steps up to 'ghost town' challenge

THE owner of a new shoe shop is confident that he can bring more people to Bletchley - despite Queensway being labelled as a 'ghost town' by high street expert Bill Grimsey in last week's MK NEWS. But Chaman Lal, from Eaglestone, does not have any reservations about opening new independent store 'Bletchley Footwear' at the end of this month. He said: "I think we will help.

"People want more variety in the town centre. At the moment it is just full of charity shops."

Mysore: A restaurant chef shows off some of his dishes

A taste of modern India

AN Indian restaurant that has been running since 1990 has had a complete makeover and is now under new management.

Mysore, on the High Street in Newport Pagnell, has new stylish decor, creating modern Indian surroundings.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Newport Pagnell joined city MPs on the opening night of the venue that also runs a Sunday buffet and takeaway service.

Estate staff get on board the lunch bus

A NEW lunchtime shuttle bus has been launched to enable up to 1,700 staff at the Tilbrook business estate to travel to the nearby Kingston retail centre.

The service, by Tilbrook Travel Hub, will provide an easy and sustainable travel option for staff to reduce car use during the day.

Travel on service 51 will cost £2 return and will run between noon and 2pm every 20 minutes. It is being operated by bus company Z&S Transport.

The Tilbrook scheme is co-ordinated by sustainable travel specialist, Go Travel Solutions, as part of its Smartgo Milton Keynes initiative and is supported by a number of city businesses on the Tilbrook estate including Red Bull Technology, Trek UK, T-Systems, PPSGB, Kingston Foods and Sansetsu.

Louise Watson at Red Bull Technology said: "Listening to our team's responses from our travel survey it was evident that there is not only a huge desire within our staff to reduce single car occupancy, but also to be able to access the wide range of shops and amenities during the working week."

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- Private car parking and separate loading areas
- Unit 2 available July 2014
- EPC rating: C 68

Contact: Paul Davies

COMMERCIAL UNITS

To Let/For Sale

Vizion, Central MK
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Contact: Holly Dawson

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For Sale/To Let

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64,503 sq ft

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Clyde House, Oldbrook
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Playing the fame game

FAME has become synonymous with two things: that title track- a favourite at wedding discos and karaoke bars the world over - and leg warmers.

But those planning to attend Bill Kenwright's production of the musical at Milton Keynes Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 17, will be in for something a little less predictable.

The original scores have been remixed and reworked for the modern age, with fresh new drumbeats and sounds under the infamous lyrics, and the students of High School for Performing Arts New York walk the corridors with iPads and mobile phones in place of ghetto blasters.

There's one other key difference, too.

"Mine's the only character to wear leg warmers! I had to push to get a pair!" cries Sasi Strallen.

Strallen plays ballerina Iris Kelly. As the curtain rises, Iris has just been transferred to PA from another school.

Being the new girl can be daunting, and, in an attempt to impress her new classmates, Iris weaves stories of her rich family and her fluency in French.

Although the plot was written more than 30 years ago, Strallen reckons the story is just as relevant as ever.

She says: "These days, everyone wants to be famous. Our message is that fame isn't necessarily all that it's cracked up to be. It comes with its own set of hardships."

There are evening productions at 7.30pm from Monday to Saturday and afternoon shows at 2.30pm on Wednesday and Saturday.

Tickets for Fame cost from £12.90 to £41.40 and can be bought at www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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10am, Free, 45 minutes
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3: BARK IN THE PARK – DOG WALK
10am, £1/dog, 1.5 hours
Meet in the car park on Merlewood Dr, off V2 Tattenhoe St, Shenley Wood.

4: NORTH BUCKS WAY TO NASH
10am-4pm, Free, 8 miles
Meet at Oxley Park Primary School, Redgrave Drive, Oxley Park.

5: THE GREAT LINFORD LAKES
10.30am, Free, 4 miles
Meet in Stonepit Field car park, Wolverton Rd, opposite Oakridge Park.

6: OLNEY TREES & HISTORY WALK
11am, Free, 3 miles
Meet outside the front doors of St Peter and St Pauls Church, Church St, Olney.

7: STONY STRATFORD IN BLOOM TOWN WALK
11am, Free, 1.5 hours
Meet at Stony Stratford Market Square.

8: WILD SPRING TONICS AND SALAD WALK
11.30am, £1/person, 3 miles
Meet in the Windmill pub car park, Lakeside Grove, off H10 Bletcham Way, Caldecotte Lake MK7 8HP.

9: MK PAST AND PRESENT
2pm, Free, 3 or 6 miles
Meet in the Lodge Lake car park, Bradwell Road, off H4 Dansteed Way.

10: FAMILY WALK
10am, free, 1 hour
Meet at the Green, off Colliers Wood, Monkston Park. Car park on Tewkesbury Lane.

Sun 11 May

11: VILLAGES NORTH OF MK
10am-4pm, Free, 8 miles
Meet at New Bradwell Clock Tower, Newport Road, New Bradwell.

12: HANSON CENTRE NATURE WALK
10.00am, Free, 1.5 miles max.
Meet at the Hanson Environmental Study Centre, Wolverton Road, Great Linford, MK14 5AH.

13: FAMILY PUSH N TONE
10.30am, £4/person, 2 hours
Meet in Campbell Park Pavilion car park, Silbury Boulevard.

14: WAGTAIL HEALTH WALK
11am, Free, 3.5 miles
Meet at Shackerstone Close car park at Broughton Fields School, Broughton.

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11am, Free, 1.5 hours
Meet at Stony Stratford Market Square.

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11am, Free, 3 miles
Meet outside the front doors of St Peter and St Pauls Church, Church St, Olney.

17: HIKE MK TASTER WALK
10am, Free, 5 miles
Meet in the Windmill pub car park, Lakeside Grove, off H10 Bletcham Way, Caldecotte Lake MK7 8HP.

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11am, Free, 2.6 miles
Meet in Walton Lake car park, Newport Rd, Woughton Park off H8 Standing Way.

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listenup

SATURDAY Live Music at MK Gallery sees solo sound artist Juffage take to the stage.

Jeff T. Smith, or Juffage, released his new album Semicircle last June on Function Records, and has toured extensively throughout the US, UK and Europe.

His compelling live performances utilize seamless live-looping and super-colossal multitasking to construct complex, yet surprising catchy pop songs. On the undercard is Milton Keynes four-piece Velodrome, who write pop based, noisy guitar and synth music. Entry is £4 on the door, and proceedings kick off at 7.30pm.

cameracomp

SPECSAVERS has teamed up with MK NEWS to launch a photography competition to capture the special bond struck up by children with their friends, siblings or even family pets.

Families are being invited to enter the Perfect Pairing competition, launched to celebrate the start of Specsavers' 'two free pairs' promotion in-store, where children qualify for one pair of specs free from the NHS and a second pair free from Specsavers.

Photos submitted to the competition can be taken by either a child or a relative, and entries will be judged by Andy Handley, picture editor at MK NEWS.

The winner will win a Pentax WG-3 digital camera worth more than £250 and a free sight test and eyecare for the winning parent and child.

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To enter, email your picture to james.averill@mk-news.co.uk by noon on Wednesday, May 14. The editor's decision is final

familytime

AGE UK Milton Keynes and Festive Road have teamed up to throw a Family Fun Day.

The event on Saturday, May 17 will include stilt walkers, samba band, face painting, a raffle, stalls and a pizza cook off.

There is something for all the family at this free event which is raising money on the day for both charities.

Festive Road and Age UK MK work in partnership to create a real and positive difference to the lives of older people in Milton Keynes.

Festive Road aims to build confidence and a sense of belonging through celebration. So celebrate the day from 11am-5pm, at The Peartree Centre.

joinjimmy

LEGEND Jimmy Cricket makes his debut Comedy Cow appearance on Friday, May 16.

The 1980s comedy icon, who rose to prominence after reaching the final of talent hunt Search for a Star in 1981, will deliver his trademark daft humour and hilarious one-liners at stadiummk.

In 1986 Jimmy landed his own TV series called And There's More, which ran for three years, and he also had his own series for Radio 2, Jimmy's Cricket Team, from 1991 to 1995.

On offer is giggles and chuckles - plus those infamous wellies - during a night with one of the finest exponents of the comedy world.

Hollyoaks and Casualty actor James Redmond is compere, with Andrew McBurney and Terry Gauci also on the bill.

Tickets for the gig, which begins at 8.15pm, cost £10, and are available by going to www.ticketsource.co.uk.

they'reelectric

WITH a string of awards and nominations under their belt - Madison Violet will be performing new tracks from their highly anticipated new album, due for UK release later in the year.

Having moved to a new post-disco direction, the Canadian duo still keep hold of their beautiful trademark organic, raw vocals, while adding beats, synths and shine to the self penned songs.

The result is a beautiful crossover of electronic folk right in time for summer.

Madison Violet are playing at The Stables at 8pm on Tuesday. Tickets cost £13.50 from www.stables.org.

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The self-styled headmaster of British rock is back
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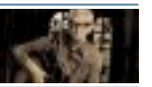

Monday 12 May, 8pm **GRAHAM GOULDMAN & FRIENDS**
10cc frontman performs his acclaimed Heart Full of Songs show
Tickets £22.50

Tuesday 13 May, 8pm **MADISON VIOLET**
Canadian duo performing songs with up-tempo melodies and beautiful lyrics
Tickets £13.50

Wednesday 14 May, 8pm **DEBASHISH BHATTACHARYA**
Leading Indian musician performs tracks from his latest album Beyond the Ragasphere **Tickets £12.50 (students £9.50)**

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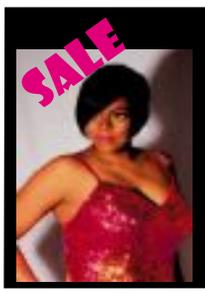

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wickedwalks

TAKE part in Milton Keynes' Walking Festival this weekend celebrating national walking week.

A variety of different strolls for all ages and abilities are taking place on Saturday and Sunday.

Many are free including the three mile Olney Trees and History Walk at 11am on Saturday and Sunday - starting at St Peter and St Paul's Church.

A Walk on the Wild Side from Mortimer Park car park in Stony Stratford on Sunday from 1.30pm is six miles long while the Family Walk from 10am which lasts for one hour starts from the Green off Colliers Wood, Monkston Park.

Others include exercise walks, lake walks and history walks.

To see the full list of all 21 events visit www.mkweb.co.uk. To book any, call the Parks Trust on 01908 233600 or email events@theparkstrust.com.

JAMES Frost from Frosts Garden Centres gives MK LIFE his top May tips for your garden. In this latest of his monthly columns, he gives you all you need to know for the greenhouse.

IT'S May and here are some top tips for your garden this month.

In your vegetable garden the first asparagus spears that are showing can be harvested, while French beans and sweetcorn can be directly sown into the ground along with further sowings of hardy vegetables such as carrots and beetroot.

It is also time to sow pumpkin and squash for harvesting in the autumn.

In your greenhouse wait until the first flowers appear on tomatoes before you plant them into your border or growbag, they will then need to be monitored regularly and tied up to either bamboo cane or string support from the roof.

Keep an eye out for aphid or red spider mite, two of the main pests in greenhouses.

In the flower garden spring flowering clematis - montana varieties and armandii can be pruned to help control their size.

Fast growing cottage garden plants - such as delphinium, paeonia, anemone - require plant supports going in to stop them getting damaged in the wind.

Spring bulbs can have their dead heads taken off, but leave foliage to die naturally as this strengthens the bulb for next year.

Happy gardening all!

parklife

I'VE been going through a phase of watching South Park on Comedy Central recently and it's funnier now than it ever was back in its heyday.

Now that the episodes are based on current events, I think you're hard pressed to find another show that's as topical and funny as South Park.

Yes it's crude and at times very silly, but I love Matt Stone and Trey Parker's view of the world.

Their shows more often cut through all the rubbish that people tend to spout and get to the true point of why people and organisations do things.

They do it in such a funny way that it's genius.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

snapshot

PHOTOGRAPHY students from Milton Keynes College are exhibiting their work at Westbury Arts Centre.

Until May 24 the I Shoot RAW exhibition will showcase the work of L3 National Diploma and Higher National Diploma students.

The exhibition in Shenley Wood is open from 11am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday.

goldengraham

GRAHAM Gouldman, the 10cc supremo, brings his 'Heart Full of Songs' tour to The Stables.

Gouldman is one of the most prolific songwriters of the last few decades; penning tunes not just for 10cc but also for acts including The Yardbirds, The Hollies and Jeff Beck.

Heart Full of Songs is an acoustic set with familiar faces joining Graham to play those famous hits - such as 'For Your Love' and 'Dreadlock Holiday' - in an intimate setting.

Monday's show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £22.50 from www.stables.org or by calling the box office on 01908 280 800.

filmnights

LAUNCHING on Monday, Calcutta Brasserie in Stony Stratford is introducing a cinema night.

The evenings will offer classic films for free with curry flavoured popcorn.

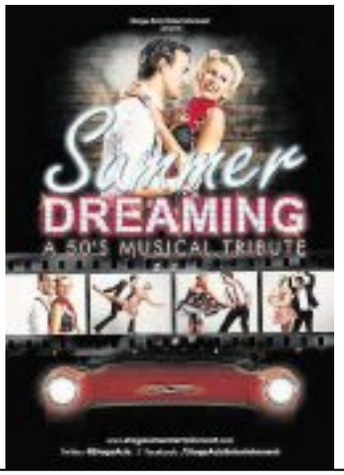
Starting at 7pm, Calcutta Brasserie will be showing the classic Bollywood film, Devdas.

The Indian romantic drama film won the Filmfare Award for Best Film and also won five other National Awards.

summerdreams

SUMMER Dreaming returns to Wilton Hall this Saturday.

Paying homage to a bygone era when Elvis was King, the West End gang will take you back to a time of jiving, drive-ins, soda shops and high school hops. Tickets for the 7pm performance cost £25. To book call the venue on 01908 372 277.



silverscreen

INDEPENDENT Cinema MK brings further adventures into the world of Milton Keynes Film Network with screenings of short films, introduced by the filmmakers themselves.

The screening at MK Gallery is on Friday from 7pm.

It is £5 or £3 concessions.

To pre-book call 01908 676900.

Each film is around 15 minutes long.

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16 May / ¡Que viva México! (1931) / Cert PG
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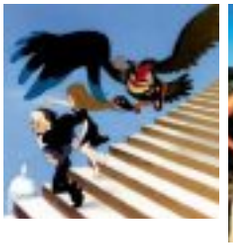
23 May / Mister John (2013) Cert 15
Drama pondering the possibility of reinvention.

30 May / The King and the Mockingbird (1980) / Cert U
Family film screening at 4pm about a tyrannical king.

30 May / Y Tu Mamá También (2001) / Cert 18
Mexican road trip featuring two teenage men and an older woman.

Details at www.mkgallery.org/events



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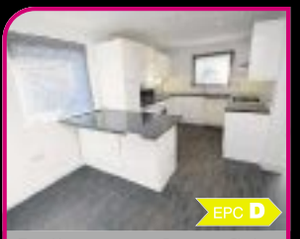

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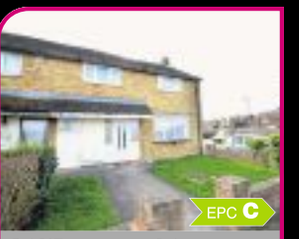

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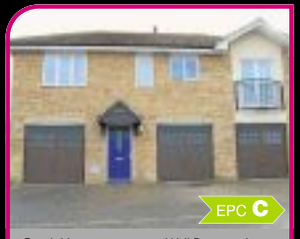

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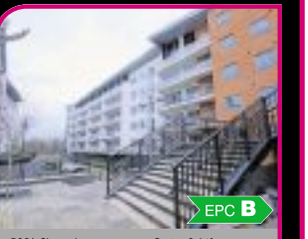

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- Downstairs wet room
- Refitted kitchen
- Separate lounge
- Dining room
- Conservatory
- En suite to master

MONKSTON £249,950

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- Lounge
- Dining room
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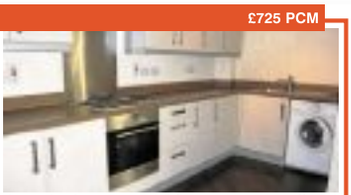

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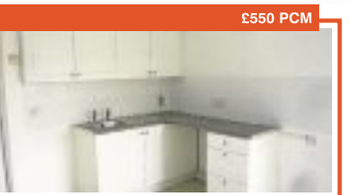

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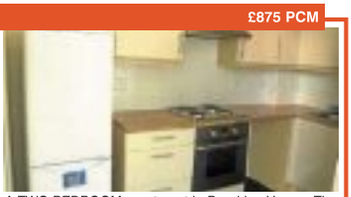

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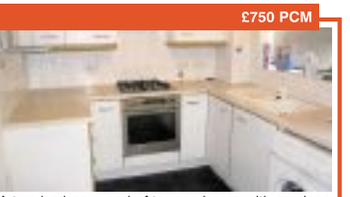

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Giffard Park Primary School

Broadway Avenue, Giffard Park, Milton Keynes, MK14 5PY

Tel: 01908 617868 Headteacher: Lynn Samwell-Smith www.giffardpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Leader

Required for September 2014

Pay scale: MPS + TLR 2a

Permanent Full time

We are seeking to appoint an inspirational, creative and outstanding Early Years practitioner to lead our Early Years department and to be a member of the School Leadership Team. You will teach a Foundation class and manage the provision as a whole. You will have a thorough knowledge of the Early Years curriculum, be able to provide the children with the best start to their learning and make the Early Years department an outstanding feature of the school.

At Giffard Park Primary School we have

- enthusiastic and inquisitive children
- a committed and supportive staff team and Governors
- excellent professional development including leadership development as part of the School Leadership Team

Closing date for applications is Wednesday **14th May 2014** with interviews on **Tuesday 20th May 2014.**

For an information pack, or to arrange a visit, please contact Pam Tibbetts on (01908) 617868 or email the school at **enquiries@giffardpark.milton-keynes.sch.uk**

Giffard Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS is required for this post.

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Full Time

Required September, 2014

A Religious Studies Teacher is required for September, 2014; applications from NQTs are welcome. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

A laptop computer will be loaned to the successful candidate. The successful applicant will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring check.

All offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

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Closing Date: Tuesday 13th May, 2014 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 97% of students gaining 5A* - C grades at GCSE (typically over 70% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 61% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and this year eight students have had Oxbridge offers. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

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St Gregory's Catholic Middle School

BiddenhamTurn, Bedford MK40 4AT

St Gregory's Catholic Middle School is seeking to recruit the following staff to this popular, inclusive and over-subscribed school.

The successful candidates will:

- Effectively promote the vision, aims and Catholic ethos of the school
- Provide outstanding lessons that inspire and extend our children
- Be enthusiastic and forward thinking
- Have high expectations of children's achievements and a commitment to raising the educational achievements of all in Key Stages 2 and 3

LEADER OF SCIENCE MPS + TLR 2A
Required September 2014

TEACHER OF ENGLISH AND RE MPS
Required September 2014

Please visit our website to view/download an application pack or email the school.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 9 May at midday

Interviews: To be held the following week

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CHAPEL STREET NURSERY SCHOOL
Russell Street, Luton, Beds LU1 5EA

Early Years Worker

£16,604 - £17,980 p.a. pro rata **Vacancy ID: 101227**
37 hours per week, 52 weeks per year
Fixed term post until 31 May 2015

Chapel Street is looking for lively, enthusiastic staff who love working with young children and care passionately about their welfare. The job will entail working shifts between 8am and 6pm, 48 weeks a year.

We are looking for an Early Years worker who has experience of working with children aged 2-4. Must have an NVQ3 or equivalent in childcare and be:

- an excellent early years practitioner
- committed to delivering the EYFS and supporting less experienced staff to do the same
- able to work well as part of a team
- excited by the opportunity to develop creative, innovative ideas to support our children
- committed to working inclusively with children with special needs.

Visits are warmly welcomed to the school. Please phone tel: 01582 413552 to arrange a visit.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs
Closing date: 15 May 2014 at 12 noon.
Interview date: 2 June 2014.

CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY
Tomlinson Avenue, Luton LU4 0QP

Chantry Primary Academy is a popular, vibrant and diverse school situated in Luton. Chantry is a National Support School and is a member of the Luton First Teaching School Alliance, as a result, our staff team have access to a wealth of CPD opportunities both locally provided and with the backing of the National College.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection in February 2014 judged Chantry to be a good school. They noted that *"Teachers have high expectations of pupils' behaviour and work."* And that *"Pupils' good behaviour and attitudes to learning contribute considerably to their achievement and to the school's harmonious environment."*

We are currently looking to recruit two experienced teachers to join our extensive staff team.

Physical Education Specialist

MPS / UPS **Vacancy ID: 101209**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic teacher to work with our PE Team Leader and instructors to continue the successful work we have begun in utilising Sports Premium. Our priority is to boost participation rates and promote PE as an area of excellence.

Class Teacher

MPS / UPS **Vacancy ID: 101210**

We would like to appoint a dynamic and creative class teacher to join our dedicated and enthusiastic teaching team. You will be inclusive in your approach and fully committed to helping every child to achieve their full potential.

We are looking for teachers who:

- have proven good/outstanding classroom practice
- have a commitment to the promotion of high standards in teaching and learning
- have an ability to lead, inspire, engage and motivate pupils, staff and the wider community
- recognises and values the diverse social and cultural needs of our children and community

We can offer:

- a school that has an excellent leadership team, driven by our core values and a firm belief that all children have the right to the best education
- children who behave well and are keen to learn
- a strong, committed and supportive team of staff and governors
- excellent opportunities for CPD.

Visits to the school are welcome, for further details and an application form or to arrange an appointment please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, tel: 01582 706500 ext 245 or email: fconstant@chantryprimaryacademy.com
Closing date: 16 May 2014 at 9am.
Interview date: 22 May 2014.

DOWNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Chaul End Lane, Luton LU4 8EZ

Downside Primary School is a large primary school in Luton. Due to the school's expansion, we have a number of exciting opportunities for the right candidates.

Midday Supervisors

£2,171 - £2,305 p.a **Vacancy ID: 101239**
7.5 hours per week, term time plus 5 training days

We require a number of KS1 and KS2 midday supervisors, to support children during their lunch hour.

Early Years Leader

MPS / UPS Plus TLR2b £4,267 **Vacancy ID: 101236**

Required for September 2014

We need an outstanding Early Years practitioner to lead our Reception team.

The Early Years Leader will play an integral part in supporting learning and raising standards in Reception and would be responsible for:

- leading a team of 4 full time teachers
- monitoring teaching and learning in the year group
- pupil tracking – holding pupil progress meetings and tracking progress towards achieving ELGs

We can offer you:

- in house and bespoke training from two external consultants
- enthusiastic children who want to learn
- a large supportive team.

PA to the Headteacher

£18,676 - £21,002 p.a **Vacancy ID: 101237**
37 hours per week, term time plus 10 training days

The Headteacher requires a P.A to support the effective and efficient running of the school. The role will encompass supporting the Headteacher in administrative and personnel tasks.

The Headteacher requires someone who:

- is organised, flexible and who can prioritise a varied workload
- has excellent written and verbal communication skills
- is computer literate and is able to work to a high level of accuracy.

Teaching Assistants (1)

£9,726 - £10,614 p.a **Vacancy ID: 101238**
27.5 hours per week, term time plus 5 training days

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1 and 2. Each class has a Teaching Assistant and this role is for someone to support teaching and learning; therefore a high calibre of written and spoken English is required.

Clerical Assistant

£10,589 - £12,099 p.a **Vacancy ID: 101240**
35 hours per week, term time only

We require a clerical assistant to support the school's admin team in the efficient running of the School Office. We require someone who has good communication skills and who could be a welcoming first point of contact for parents and visitors to the school.

Further details and application forms are available to collect from the School Office, alternatively please send a large SAE envelope to the school. Visits to the school are welcome. As there are a number of jobs, please state clearly in a letter which job you are interested in.

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Closing date: 19 May 2014 at 12 noon.

SOUTHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pastures Way, Luton LU4 0PE

Learning Mentor – Key Stage 2

£18,676 – £21,002 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 101235**
37 hours per week, term-time plus 10 training days

The role of the learning mentor is:

- to support pupils in overcoming barriers to learning in and outside school
- to assist in raising the attainment and aspirations of under-achieving pupils
- to support and advise parents and families and work with external agencies and staff
- to work within a team to identify and set targets for under-achieving pupils and track their performance
- to help improve attendance
- to provide one to one support, small group sessions, lunchtime and after school activities for children
- to communicate effectively with staff to report on progress made.

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs
Closing date: 9 May 2014.
Interview date: w/c 19 May 2014.

MAIDENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newark Road, Luton LU4 8LD

Inclusion Manager / SENCO

MPS / UPS Plus TLR 2b **Vacancy ID: 101211**

We wish to appoint from September 2014, or earlier if possible, an outstanding professional to lead our work in Inclusion and maximise access to learning, achievement and progression for all students who need additional support. You will lead and manage all support, have a good understanding of statutory requirements and work closely with external agencies.

We are fully supportive of Continuous Professional Development and actively encourage progression to leadership roles.

They will be joining the school at an exciting time, having a pivotal role supporting the Headteacher in driving the school forward.

This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the future development of Maidenhall Primary and achieve our ambition of becoming an outstanding school. Maidenhall is a large diverse school with successful, dedicated staff and fantastic pupils. Visits to the school are welcome, please contact us to make an appointment.

We are able to offer:

- an attractive, well resourced working environment
- supportive, well motivated, friendly colleagues
- wide opportunities for professional development
- children who are keen to learn and well behaved
- supportive parents.

For further information and an application pack, please visit our website: http://maidenhallprimary.co.uk/topic/vacancies
Closing date: 16 May 2014 at 12 noon.
Interview date: 22 May 2014.

NORTON ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
Norton Road, Luton LU3 2NX

Teacher

MPS / UPS **Vacancy ID: 101241**
MPS / UPS Plus TLR

This post includes management responsibility as appropriate

New members of teaching staff required at this friendly and supportive school at a time of forward thinking change. These posts would ideally suit an experienced teacher. Broader and management experience would be considered an advantage.

For further details and an application form please contact Jane Adams / Michelle Hailes at the school address, tel: 571169, or email: Norton.Road.Primary.Admin@luton.gov.uk completed applications should be returned to the school address.

Closing date: 16 May 2014 at 12 noon.
Interview date: w/c 19 May 2014.

CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY
Tomlinson Avenue, Luton LU4 0QP

Teaching Assistant (2)

£11,597 - £12,559 p.a **Vacancy ID: 101226**
30 hours per week, term-time plus 5 training days
Fixed term post until 31 March 2016

Chantry Primary Academy is a large Primary school that strives to make a positive difference to the lives of all of our pupils, recognised by Ofsted in 2010, who said… "All pupils, regardless of gender, ethnicity or disability play a very full part in the life of the school and its local community."

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to work within our integrated provision for children from across Luton who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. You will join our team of staff to work with pupils from the provision both individually and within classrooms, supporting them in their learning.

You will need to:

- be ready for a challenge
- be enthusiastic and proactive
- be experienced in working with schools
- be qualified to NVQ level 3
- have a proven ability at working as part of a team in a challenging but rewarding environment.

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, tel: 01582 706500 ext 245 or email: fconstant@chantryprimaryacademy.com

Closing date: 15 May 2014 at 9am.
Interview date: 20 May 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
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For further details and an application pack please visit: **www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies**

Completed applications should be emailed to: **hr@bedfordschool.org.uk** or posted to **Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road Bedford MK40 2PL.**

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Closing Date
19 May 2014

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To download an application pack and job description please visit our website www.bedfordfreeschool.co.uk

Closing date: Midday, Friday 16th May 2014

Interview date: Thursday 23rd May 2014

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Headteacher: Claire Britnell B.Ed (Hons)

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader

TLR 2B

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We are seeking to appoint a dedicated, outstanding and inspirational Early Years Foundation Stage Leader. The successful candidate should have extensive knowledge and experience of the EYFS, and a clear vision for early years education.

If you think this is the challenge you are looking for, we would highly recommend that you visit our school. Please contact our School Business Manager, Sam Summers on 01908 507627 to book a time on one of our tours.

For a recruitment information pack, telephone or email:
office@gilesbrook.co.uk

Closing date for receipt of applications is noon on:
16th May 2014. Interview Date: **W/C 19/05/2014**

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HEAD OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of the Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford.

Further details are available from **Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU tel: 01234 362214 email: slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk.**

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website. Applications should be returned to Sarah Lapidge no later than midday on Monday 12th May 2014.

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

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Closing Date
Monday 12 May (12noon)
Interview Date
Monday 19th May 2014

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ENGLISH TEACHER
Full Time

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We wish to appoint a dynamic, enthusiastic English Teacher to join a thriving department that achieves excellent examination results. 'A' Level work will be available to suitably qualified candidates. We welcome applications from NQTs however a TLR may be available for a suitably qualified candidate.

Please telephone Lou Ellis (Principal's P.A.) at the school for further details and an application form; this information is also on our website www.redborne.com

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All offers of employment are "conditional" until Disclosure and Barring and qualification checks have been successfully completed and satisfactory references have been received.

Redborne is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Monday 19th May, 2014 at noon

Redborne is a successful school that achieves excellent examination results, with 97% of students gaining 5A* - C grades at GCSE (typically over 70% including Maths and English). 'A' Level results are also very good with 61% of passes at 'A*', 'A' or 'B' grades and an overall pass rate of 99%. About 80% of the Sixth Form go on to university and this year eight students have had Oxbridge offers. The school is well regarded and popular, situated in a very pleasant area of Central Bedfordshire, within easy reach of London. The school's most recent OFSTED report was excellent and we were graded as "outstanding". Redborne is also a National College Leadership Development School and a Leading Edge School.

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This is a physically demanding role that requires a flexible team worker who can adapt to changing needs of the department and is keen to improve the learning outcomes of students

Interested? Please go to the vacancies page on the school website or contact the school office at the above address.

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The department prides itself on:

- Our success and drive in helping all pupils achieve their full potential.
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Job description and application forms are available to download from the school's website www.biddenham.beds.sch.uk. Please send applications for the attention of Julie Shepherd or by email to hr@biddenham.beds.sch.uk.

Closing date: Thursday 15th May 2014 at 5.00pm
Interviews: Week commencing 19th May 2014

Biddenham School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check, references and other checks.

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Plus TLR2A • Commencing September 2014

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Olney Middle School

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www.olneymiddle.milton-keynes.sch.uk
Headteacher - Mr Phil Allman

CLASS TEACHER

Due to some changes within the teaching team we are looking for a full time Class Teacher for the Autumn term 2014 to join this forward thinking and vibrant school.

Applications from experienced teachers with a desire for middle leadership opportunities would be welcomed. The ability to teach music would also be an advantage.

Application forms can be obtained from the school website along with the job specification. Any further information can be obtained by contacting the Headteacher direct via email: pallman@olneymiddle.milton-keynes.sch.uk or phoning 01234 711323.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

Closing date for applications - Friday 9th May 2014

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May 2014

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Closing date: Tuesday 13th May 2014

All posts in schools are subject to Disclosure

Wootton Upper School, Hall End Road, Wootton, Bedford, MK43 9HT.
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The School has its own salary scale which is well above the national scale and there is generous fee remission for children of teaching staff of the senior Harpur Trust Schools in Bedford. This role might be suitable for a new entrant to the profession and the School is fully accredited to participate in the ISC NQT Induction Programme.

Further details are available from **Sarah Lapidge, Bedford School, De Parys Avenue, Bedford MK40 2TU tel: 01234 362214 email: slapidge@bedfordschool.org.uk.**

A copy of the job description and an application form is available to download from the School's website. Applications should be returned to Sarah Lapidge no later than midday on Monday 12th May 2014.

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The successful applicant will be subject to an Enhanced DBS check, references and other checks.

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Closing Date
Monday 12 May (12noon)

Interview Date
Friday 16th May 2014

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We are looking to appoint a committed individual to be responsible for the maintenance, security and facilities management of our school premises as soon as possible. The successful candidate will have the knowledge and skills to ensure a productive and safe environment for staff, pupils and visitors to the school.

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- Organisation of the Maintenance and Compliance Programmes and budgets (inc. premises, grounds, furniture, fittings and equipment)
- Controlling Premises Security
- Management of Lettings
- Oversight of the school mini-buses
- Daily operational duties

If you are seeking to join a committed and enthusiastic team in a school where collaboration and professional development are supported, then we would be delighted to receive your application.

Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.

Closing date for applications: Noon on Thursday 15th May 2014

Interviews are expected to be held on Wednesday 21st May 2014

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to DBS clearance and satisfactory employment history references.

Goldington Academy, Haylands Way, Bedford, MK41 9BX.
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Class Teacher

Full-time
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For September 2014

We require a dynamic, self motivated team player with a strong commitment to work who welcomes the challenge that this new school offers within our current creative school team, at our highly successful two form entry school.

Informal visits to the school are essential and can be arranged via contacting our School Business Manager, Jane Bociek.

Closing date: 12 May 2014.
Interview date: 20 May 2014.

Experienced Teaching Assistant

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Experienced Teaching Assistant

Full-time, Term-time Only + 5 Training Days
Level 2D, pt 13-16 dependent upon experience
Fixed Term Contract from 01/09/14 to 31/08/15 which may be extended, subject to pupil numbers

We require an experienced, enthusiastic TA to work in our Early Years Team working between both nursery and reception classes. NVQ2 & previous experience of working within Early Years is essential for this post.

Closing date for both roles: 12 May 2014.
Interview date for both roles: 22 May 2014.

For further details for all roles, please contact the school office on tel: 01234 741653 or email: Lakeview@schools.bedfordshire.gov.uk or visit the school website: www.lakeview.beds.sch.uk

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Closing date: 26 May 2014

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Interview date: Tuesday 27th May 2014

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Headteacher: Nick Jackman

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Also important is the ability to stay calm under pressure and maintain a good sense of humour.

For further details, an application pack or to arrange a visit, please contact the school on 01908 563885 or email admin@walnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Closing date: Friday, 16th May 2014.
Interview date: w/c Monday, 19th May 2014.

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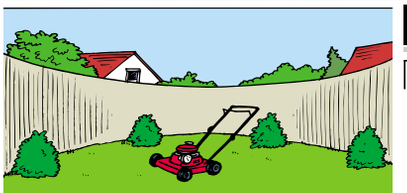

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Objections to the intended disposal must be made in writing and addressed to The Estates Manager, The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, Saxon Court, 502 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HS, by no later than 14th May 2014. A plan of the land affected by the intended disposal is available for inspection at the office of the Council's Estates Manager at the above address.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FENNY STRATFORD LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF SIMPSON ROAD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works are to be carried out, namely annual inspection and maintenance of Fenny Stratford level crossing. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding along those parts of Simpson Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes running for a distance of 20 metres either side of Fenny Stratford level crossing, together with the level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 00.05 am until 04.00 am on Tuesday 20 May 2014 inclusive. The affected lengths of road and level crossing will re-open sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

The alternative route will be via Simpson Road, Staple Hall Road, Bilton Road, Watling Street and Simpson Road and vice versa.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 20 May 2014 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(OVERGATE (PART), CAMPBELL PARK)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event which is being promoted by Cara Waller, namely the 2014 Cancer Research UK's 'Race for Life', intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along that whole length of Overgate, Campbell Park, Milton Keynes from its junction with Glebe Roundabout to its junction with Cricket Green Roundabout, Campbell Park. It is anticipated the closure will be in operation on Sunday 8 June 2014 between the hours of 11.00 am and 12.30 pm. The closure will be in effect when the appropriate signs are in place.

The alternative route for traffic will be via Silbury Boulevard, Marlborough Gate and Avebury Boulevard and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 8 June 2014 at 11.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the event, whichever shall be the sooner, but it is anticipated that the restrictions will only remain in effect until 12.30 pm on 8 June 2014.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

Pedestrian access to properties and premises shall be maintained throughout the closure, and any local residents and businesses affected by the restrictions will be sent prior notification by the event organisers.

A copy of the proposed Order, Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number BAS-P&E-9292-2360.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(HIGH STREET (PART) AND NEW STREET, STONY STRATFORD)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of 2 relevant events, namely 'StonyLive' and the Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival which are being promoted by Mr Ray Cobley of Stony Stratford, to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from proceeding along that length of High Street, Stony Stratford from its junction with Church Street to its junction with Wolverton Road. The one-way traffic restriction in New Street, Stony Stratford shall be temporarily suspended to allow two way traffic flow whilst the High Street closures are in operation. It is anticipated that the above restrictions will be in operation at some point during the hours stated below and only when indicated by traffic signs:-

'StonyLive' - Saturday 7 June 2014 between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Stony Stratford Classic Car Festival – Sunday 8 June 2014 between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm. The main event for this festival will be held in Market Square.

The alternative route for traffic for both events will be via Church Street, Silver Street and Horsefair Green, and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties and premises shall be maintained throughout the closure, and local residents and businesses affected by the restrictions will be sent prior notification by the event organisers.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 7th June 2014 at 00:01am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the events, whichever shall be the sooner, but it is anticipated that the restrictions will only remain in effect until 23:59pm on 8th June 2014.

A copy of the proposed Order, statements of reasons for making the Order and maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Stony Stratford Library, 5–7 Church Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL-P&E-009328-TCO-2367.

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(SECKLOW GATE (PART), CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event, namely, MK Mix Business and Culture Exhibition, which is being promoted by Nana Oguntola, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicles from entering, proceeding, waiting or parking along that part of the south-west side of Secklow Gate, Central Milton Keynes, on the north-east vehicular accessway between Silbury Boulevard and the access road leading onto Secklow Gate, between North Row and Silbury Boulevard, including the suspension of the premium rate parking bays along this accessway.

It is anticipated that the above restrictions will be in operation on Saturday 5th July and Sunday 6th July 2014 between the hours of 9.00am and 7.00pm each day.

The alternative route for traffic will be to proceed along the south-west vehicular accessway on the south-west side of Secklow Gate.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Saturday 5th July 2014 at 9.00am and will continue in operation for a maximum of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the earlier, but it is anticipated that the closure will be in effect until 7.00pm on Sunday 6th July 2014.

Pedestrian access to premises shall be maintained throughout the closure. There shall be no other exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and vehicles used in connection with this event.

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing it and a map indicating its location and effect may be inspected at Central Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, during normal opening hours and at the offices of Milton Keynes Council, at the address below, during normal office hours, quoting reference WL-P&E-9304-TCO-2364.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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7th May 2014

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Head of Legal Services

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(A) THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT TO A422 ABBEY HILL ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes to enable resurfacing, renewal of road markings and road studs and associated maintenance works to be carried out in safety.

The works are expected to take place over 25 nights (10pm – 5am) beginning on or after Monday 19 May 2014. Works will be suspended over the bank holiday period.

The effect of the Order will be to close, alternately, the A5 -

- northbound and southbound carriageways between the A4146 Brickhill St/Watling St Roundabout (known locally as Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout) and the A422 Abbey Hill Roundabout,
- entry slip roads to the southbound carriageway from the roundabouts at A422 Abbey Hill, A509 Portway, A421 Redmoor and A4146 Caldecotte, and
- entry slip roads to the northbound carriageway from the roundabouts at A4146 Bletcham, A421 Redmoor Roundabout and A509 Portway.

Northbound traffic will be diverted via Watling Street, Saxon Street, Grafton Street and Monks Way and vice versa for southbound.

All lay-bys adjacent to the lengths of A5 described above will be closed for 24 hours daily for the duration of the works from midday on Monday 19 May.

The Order will come into force on 13 May 2014 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The closures (which will not apply to works, emergency service or traffic officer vehicles) and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Anna Graham at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796104 or by email to anna.graham@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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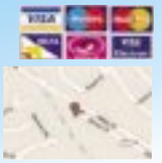

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DONS

Skipper says Orient defeat was 'a blessing in disguise'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS captain Dean Lewington believes that the final day 3-1 defeat to Leyton Orient on Saturday could prove to be a blessing in disguise.

Dons were comprehensively outplayed in their last game of 2013-14, and Lewington believes that any result other than a defeat from the weekend may have covered cracks within the squad.

"It probably was a blessing in disguise that we lost on Saturday," said Lewington.

"The last two results have been good and you just wonder if we'd have won against Leyton Orient whether that would have covered up a lot of cracks.

"People might have started to get carried away and thinking we were better than what we were. I think against Orient we were shown for exactly what we are and I think it's a good thing that we've got three months to think about that."

It was certainly comfortable enough for play-off outfit Orient, and was a game which Lewington felt reflected an at-times frustrating Dons' 2013-14 campaign.

"The game probably shows our season," said the skipper.

"The first half was bobbing along, neither side were doing too much.

"We concede a silly goal and that has been our season, which hasn't been good enough."

To celebrate Lewington's 501st appearance for the club, several fans turned up wearing orange – matching his hair – as a mark of respect and Lewington said he was moved by the gesture.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who came out, and it looked like a Holland game with all the orange, so it was a nice touch," he said.

"On the pitch it was the complete opposite really and it was just terrible.

Adoring fans: Dean Lewington meets Dons supporters wearing Orange against Leyton Orient

"It's funny how the number [500 games] and the ten years of football in MK came together at the end of the season.

"They're nice milestones but they don't really bother me too much and mean that much because it's about the future of the football club rather than the past.

"Next season we'll hopefully be talking about promotion rather than how many games I've played."

To that end, manager Karl Robinson is likely to face a very busy summer with contracts due to end for players such as Stephen Gleeson, Antony Kay, Alan Smith and Izale McLeod, while keeping teenage sensation Dele Alli and bringing in some quality signings will also be priorities.

Lewington feels it is likely to be the biggest rebuilding job he has seen during his ten years at the club, which were remembered at Dons' player of the year ceremony last week where the skipper was awarded player of the decade.

"Potentially it's the biggest rebuilding exercise I've seen," he said.

"You'd think there will be quite a few changes and it'll be interesting to see who is brought in.

"We're not starting completely from scratch though. The core is a good group of players and they need to be fit.

"This year every player that has been injured are ones that would probably be in the team, they've not been players on the fringes because every other season, they're your regulars.

"We're looking forward to getting them fit and now it's just about adding the quality.

"I started as a Championship player and it's taking a long time to get back there but with the players we've got and some new ones hopefully we can get to that next level."

MK Dons midfielder DARREN POTTER writes exclusively for MK News

IT WASN'T the best of endings to our season with the 3-1 defeat to Leyton Orient on Saturday.

We were desperate to go out with a good performance and a victory at home but the result wasn't what we wanted.

Without making excuses, we've been unlucky with injuries this season and we seem to have had plenty of people in the treatment room all the time.

The lads who have played have tried their best but in the end we're a long way short of where we want to be.

It's going to be a big summer for us and I'm excited about it – I'm sure there will be players going out and hopefully plenty more coming in to bolster the squad, to give us a fighting chance for next season.

Now that the season's over you get a lot more quality time with the family and it's good to get away on holiday.

Unusually for me I've not been injured at this stage of the season before.

I'll be in working most of the time in between having a family holiday and I'm starting my UEFA B licence next week, so I've got a busy summer as well.

With the injury it's about trying to find time to keep up with my programme so it's probably going to be non-stop for me, and I can't really afford to with my achilles, so I've got a fair way to go to make sure I'm right for pre-season.

I was disappointed to see Tranmere go down because playing them was always like a home game for me given where they are located.

I think Liverpool still have a chance of the Premier League title, but you would have to say now that the ball is firmly in Man City's court.

They've got two home games left and I think Liverpool might have blown their chance at Crystal Palace – I don't think anyone would have seen what was to come with 12 minutes left.

It's also the World Cup in Brazil coming up, and I will be surprised if a European team wins it.

It's going to be difficult for the European sides but if one is going to win it, you'd expect it to be Spain or Germany.

As for which South American team, I'm not sure.

You'd obviously expect Brazil to go close as it's in their part of the world but I think Uruguay have got a great chance.

I don't think England will get out of their group with Italy, Uruguay and Costa Rica if I'm honest but if they do, I still don't think we'll go far, which unfortunately isn't very optimistic!

CRICKET

Mullins blasts century as Stony bash Burton

Northants Cricket League

STONY Stratford won for the first time this season at the second attempt with a comprehensive 158 run victory over visiting Burton Latimer at Campbell Park.

Australian batsman Hayden Mullins was the star of the show, blasting exactly 100, including ten fours, to put Stony in a commanding position in Saturday's game.

He was ably assisted by Vicram Sohal who notched 79 and Jarrod Pretorius who finished unbeaten on 59 as the hosts ended on 283-4 after electing to bat.

In response, Burton were bowled out for just 125, with Edward Tate taking 4-18 with the ball for Stony and Steve Bellew chipping in with figures of 3-22.

On Sunday, Stony were not so fortunate as a much changed XI lost by 95 runs to Buckingham Town in the ECB National Club Championship Group 13 at Ostlers Lane.

Four Counties League

NEW City MK saw off local rivals Milton Keynes CC by 48 runs in Division One.

City were put into bat and were bowled out for 144, Vishal Naik top scoring with 35 and Daniel Ramsell taking 3-17.

In reply Shalin Parikh took 3-8 as MK were skittled for just 96.

Elsewhere in the division, Milton Keynes City were beaten by just six runs by Elstow.

MK City fielded first and Pete Heady took 4-27 as Elstow made just 116, but in response they slipped to 110 all out to fall just short.

Olney Town claimed a strong seven wicket win over Eggington Foresters after dismissing their opponents for just 79 in the first innings, Olli Knowles claiming superb figures of 3-2.

Opener Marcus Bates was unbeaten on 36 as Olney chased the target in just 16 overs.

Defending champions North Crawley saw off Thurleigh by four wickets after restricting them to 166 all out in the first innings.

Alex Walker's 86 for North Crawley led the successful run chase.

In Division Two, Cranfield University (153 all out) saw off the challenge of Stoke Hammond (98 all out) by 55 runs.

New Bradwell beat North Crawley's 2nd XI by six wickets after dismissing them for just 88, James McMillan taking 3-22.

There was defeat for Newport Pagnell who went down to Bromham by one wicket after their total of 147-8.

Sam Chapman's 4-32 didn't quite get the job done as Bromham edged home.

Old Bradwell were skittled for just 66 as they lost to Buckland and Aston Clinton by six wickets.

In Division Three, Open University (101-8) lost the draw to Studham (144-8) but Westcroft beat Luton Caribbean by a massive 112 runs.

Harry Singh finished unbeaten on 100 as Westcroft posted 232-6 declared in the opening innings, and Luton were bowled out for only 120 runs in reply.

Shenley Church End's match with Wilden in Division Four was cancelled.

• Cherwell League action featuring Bletchley, Wolverton and Great Brickhill gets underway this weekend.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

A golden triumph

Cloud nine: MK Wolves

MILTON Keynes Wolves got their 2014 rugby league season off to the very best possible start on Saturday – winning their first ever trophy after being crowned champions of the "What Protect" East RL Nines tournament.

Nines is a shortened form of the usual 13-man game and, played at the home of close rivals Bedford Tigers, the East Nines is the traditional curtain-raiser to the East RL season, attracting teams from across the East Anglian region.

Thanks to improved numbers at pre-season training, Milton Keynes were able to submit a first and second team into the tournament.

MK's firsts were unbeaten throughout the group stages, pooled with Southend, hosts Bedford and last year's champions North Herts Crusaders.

The semi-final was a heated affair against a very physical Kings Lynn side, but MK prevailed 18-8 to book a place in the final against the Tigers.

Bedford's Putnoe Woods had not been a happy hunting ground for MK in previous seasons, but this time there was very little to separate the derby rivals in a very even and engaging final.

Tigers took an early 6-0 lead, but MK scored twice to make it 12-6 with minutes to play.

Bedford then drew proceedings level in the last minute of the final to level the scores at 12-12, and set up the golden point extra time period.

It took two sets of tackles for MK to cross the tryline and seal the victory – Ben Fisher taking the ball to the left of the posts to score in the corner and spark jubilant celebrations from the Wolves contingent.

"It was a fantastic day – all our players were proud to play for MK and to come back as champions," said the Wolves' Pete Nuttall.

The seconds found it harder going, but battled through to the semi-finals of the plate competition, missing out on the final after a last-minute score.

SPEEDWAY

Knights strike Lightning

On track: Jez Pestell (red) and Niall Strudwick lead heat three

MILTON Keynes Knights remain on top of the Midland Development League thanks to a 21-15 victory over Kings Lynn Lightning.

The city team bounced back from defeat to Belle Vue Colts last time out to claim the success at their home track in Mildenhall on Sunday.

Knights were again missing Rik Mullins, who wasn't involved against Belle Vue and has now announced his retirement from the sport.

Team manager Alison Ridgway elected to use rider replacement for Mullins and the three man Knights claimed an emphatic win.

With the first two heats drawn 3-3, skipper Jez Pestell, making his second consecutive ride, linked up with a much improved Niall Strudwick and posted the first heat advantage of the meeting with a 5-1.

This was followed with another 5-1 in the next heat from the consistent skipper and Sam Chapman.

The Knights sealed the win with a 4-2 in the fifth heat and despite Kings Lynn taking the advantage in the last heat, it was Milton Keynes who ran out as convincing winners.

Knights now face two away meetings, at Rye House on May 10 in the first round of the knock-out cup and then at Scunthorpe to take on Castleford in the league.

Their next home meeting at Mildenhall is against Long Eaton on May 18.

FORMULA ONE

Qualifying the key for world champion Vettel

RED Bull Racing's reigning world champion Sebastian Vettel believes qualifying is essential for Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix as Formula One begins its European leg.

It has been three weeks since the teams last did battle in China on April 20, with the standings so far seeing Lewis Hamilton, Nico Rosberg and Mercedes miles ahead of the pack.

And with overtaking likely to be difficult at the Circuit de Catalunya, Vettel believes the key to success could take place on Saturday, rather than Sunday.

"The Circuit de Catalunya is varied, with 180 degree bends, fast, sweeping corners and elevation changes," said the German.

"There isn't much opportunity to overtake, so getting a good start position in qualifying will be crucial.

"The long, fast curves of Montmelo mean that it will suit a car with highly efficient aerodynamics.

"The track is very challenging on the tyres because of the same very fast corners, so lots of pit stops are likely in the race."

Daniel Ricciardo, who has impressed since replacing Mark Webber in the Red Bull hotseat, says he enjoys the various challenges Barcelona always poses.

"It's a bit of everything circuit – which is why it has proved so popular as a testing venue," he said.

The current standings see Vettel fifth on 33 points, with Australian Ricciardo in sixth on 24 points, a long way off the Mercedes duo of title leader Nico Rosberg (79) and British hope Lewis Hamilton (75).

In the Constructors' Championship, Tilbrook based Red Bull are second with 57 points, but they are 97 points behind pacesetters Mercedes.

SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

IN A close contest the Under 13/15 Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club teams were second in their first Youth Development League Midland Premier 2 match at Grantham.

The team lost out to Cheltenham & County Harriers by just eight points, while third placed City of Stoke AC were only nine and a half points behind.

The difficulties were highlighted by the Under 15 Boys who had little success in the sprints.

Among the success stories in the under 13 boys was a great double win in the javelin courtesy of James Palmer 27.99m and James Ericsson-Nicholls 16.14m, who added another win in the B shot with a putt of 7.12m.

The slowest start of the day was by the Under 13 girls, who did not record a podium place until the 800m when Montana Edghill (2m,40.4s) grabbed second, but the 1200m produced a fine double victory thanks to Imogen King 4m 04.3s and Katie Mallaghan 4m 08.8s.

Meanwhile, at the Oxford Open Meeting in the 100m John Browne (M60) ran 13.33s.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

STONY Stratford Town drew 1-1 with Codicote in the Spartan South Midlands Football League Division One.

In Division Two Old Bradwell United beat Brimsdown 4-1, but Willen lost to Mursley United 2-0.

New Bradwell St Peter fought back to 4-3 after being 4-0 down, but they eventually lost 6-3 against The 61 FC (Luton), while Wolverton Town lost 3-1 at home to Kent Athletic.

Meanwhile, the New City Heating supplementary and knockout cup finals take place on Sunday at Manor Fields, with the first games kicking off at 10.30am.

KORFBALL

ONE more girl and four more boys are needed to fill the MK Lakers team travelling to the Leicester tournament on May 31.

For more information go to the MK Lakers Korfball Club Facebook page.

BASKETBALL

MK Ladies basketball team played for the first time ever in the Oxford League Ladies' cup final on Saturday.

After a tightly-fought game they were defeated 40-37 by Oxford Phoenix by three points.

It was neck and neck all game with Milton Keynes taking a narrow lead in the final quarter, but with team fouls against them they just ran out of time.

ROLLER DERBY

MILTON Keynes Roller Derby's men's team, The Quads of War, played away to Lincolnshire Rolling Thunder on Saturday.

After last weekend's defeat it was another tough game against a strong side containing some of England's key players from the recent Men's World Cup, where they placed second, and the Thunder proved too forceful, with the final score 371-72.

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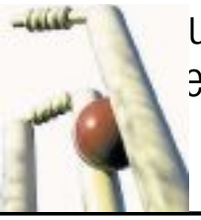

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Robbo on the look out for early summer signings

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THE season may be over but MK Dons manager Karl Robinson is showing no signs of stopping as he aims to get some early signatures under his belt for 2014/15.

While he may not be given the riches other League One clubs might be able to afford, Robinson is looking to invest in his side, and he is currently looking at proven League One players to bolster his squad.

He is targeting a new centre half, an extra midfielder, two wide players and two strikers as positions which need strengthening, with the number seven and 11 roles among his priority to sort out for next year.

"We've met three or four players already and we've got three or four meetings this week," said Robinson.

"We're right on the heels of some top-quality players and I think they would raise a few eyebrows because they are really good players.

"The biggest physical output in our team is in the number seven and 11 positions, so we need four players for those positions in order to rest players there.

"It's evident where we need to improve, which is at the front end of the pitch.

"I'll be here for the next three weeks speaking with agents and constantly chasing down people.

"I'm good at being a pest, which is what I've learned. It's a really busy time but they're six or seven weeks I'm really looking forward to."

Robinson also met with the current crop of players on Monday following Saturday's poor 3-1 defeat at home to play-off outfit Leyton Orient which brought the curtain down on the season.

He said some players now know where their futures lie, while potentially lengthy contract negotiations have also begun with one or two others.

Stephen Gleeson, Antony Kay, Izale McLeod and Alan Smith all have contracts due to expire this summer, so it promises to be a very busy few weeks for Robinson before his Milton Keynes to Paris bike ride for the Henry Allen Appeal, and his summer holiday.

The Orient defeat marked the end of a disappointing season and, upon reflection, Robinson feels that a 10th place finish in League One was an achievement given the injuries his squad sustained throughout the campaign.

"The last few days have been a bit of reflection," Robinson said.

"We feel with the squad we had at the beginning of the year, if we had finish tenth we would have failed.

"But you look at what's gone on throughout the year and a finish in the top ten is an achievement.

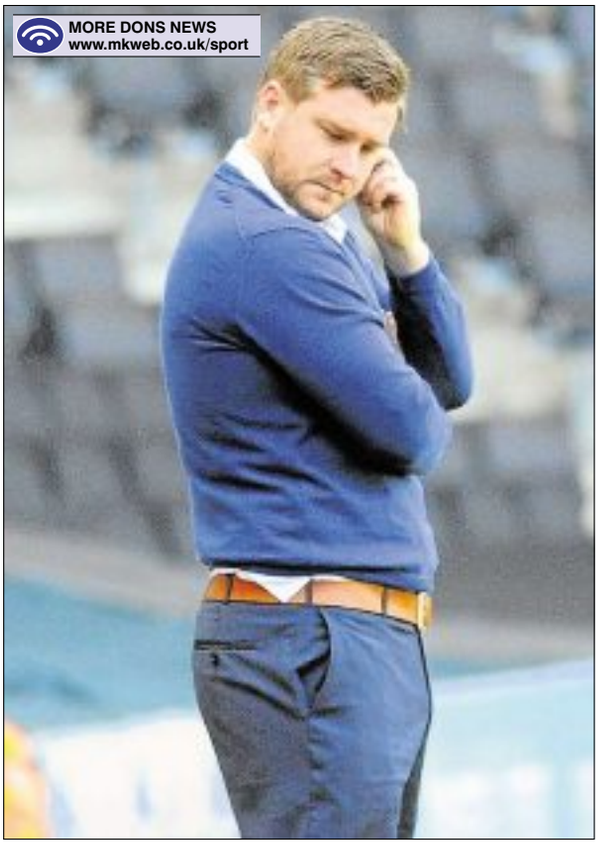
"From an external point of view people see that we're tenth and it's right that we're judged on that, but I think the club's in a stronger position now than we were at the start of the season.

"We've got some unbelievable youth players and tremendous assets, and I think the senior players have stood up and been counted.

"People would say we've taken a step back this season and in some areas we have but in some respects we've taken steps forward.

"We've got a lot to learn from this year which will make us stronger."

• Dons will host Premier League Leicester in a friendly on August 4.



Targets: MK Dons manager Karl Robinson wants a new centre back, a midfielder, two wingers and two strikers this summer

General ticket sales announced with RWC 2015 500 days away

TICKETS for the Rugby World Cup will go on general sale in September as the countdown clock ticks to under 500 days to go.

All 48 matches at England 2015, including the three at stadiummk, will go on general sale between September 12 and September 29.

In advance of the general sale, 500,000 tickets will go on sale to rugby fans this month through the Rugby Community Ticket Programme launched earlier this year.

All clubs and RFU affiliated organisations in England can register their nominated members to purchase tickets from May 16.

The programme gives clubs the opportunity to recognise and reward loyal fans who support the game week in, week out in the host country of the tournament.

England Rugby 2015 also announced details for the international Rugby World Cup Trophy Tour, celebrating rugby and taking the Webb Ellis Cup to 15 countries in the build-up to the tournament.

The search to find the 6,000 volunteers to welcome the world to England and to rugby in 2015 is also well underway, with more than 20,000 applications received to join 'The Pack'.

Try-outs and selection events will be held between June and December this year in Milton Keynes, with members of the 'The Pack' confirmed in January 2015.

Games to be played at stadiummk include France v Canada on October 1, 2015, Samoa versus an Asian qualifier on October 3, and Fiji or the Cook Islands against a play-off winner on October 6.

Debbie Jevans, England Rugby 2015 CEO, said: "Our plans are on track with 500 days to go. We are pleased to announce the dates of the general sale, allowing fans to save the date."

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